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Word Up, RMS!

By Jean Perry

Last Friday at Rochester Memorial School, it was all one great play on words for the entire school as it enjoyed another one of the school's annual Vocabulary Day parades.

Every year around this time, the third and fourth graders at RMS select one vocabulary word and create a costume to personify it as best they can, and then they come together as one massive living, breathing dictionary.

Sometimes creativity requires a partner, as several students paired up as homophones – flour and flower – and synonyms, like the two ambrosial and delectable cupcakes or the two "big mouths" loquacious and garrulous.

There was even a hapless student on crutches, a bibliopole (a bookseller dealing especially in rare books), a bibliopole's best friend the bibliophile (the lover of books), a demagogue (a political leader who seeks support by appealing to popular desires and prejudices rather than by using rational argument), and of course a paleontologist in search of 'fossils' who was also running around somewhere.

This was the first year that parents were invited for a special post-parade presentation in the cafetorium, and retired beloved teacher Danni Kleimann was there with her camera to take a portrait of each of the students dressed as their word.

In the Present Moment

This Mattapoisett Life

By Marilou Newell

We hadn't been good about keeping close tabs on each other of late. It's hard to say exactly why. There hadn't been a disagreement or parting of the ways. But moving to the local area and returning to a part of the globe where her small family lived had meant she'd be physically closer to me as well. However, after the initial thrill of having my friend of over forty years living within a fifteen-minute drive, I'd somehow experienced the proximity to be too close.

Declining health had driven her to make the very difficult decision to sell her much beloved antique farmhouse in New Hampshire and move south. To say she was bitter, angry, disgusted, distraught, or any other shade of unhappy was an understatement. All of us who were close to her got a bit of that stink sprayed on our good intentions.

Now divesting herself of a lifetime of collecting material goods meant that, although she had sold and given away a great deal of stuff, she still came south with an overabundance of personal belongings. The tiny

On the Cover: Delicious dictionary *– February 16 was the annual third and fourth grade Vocabulary Day parade at Rochester Memorial School, where two synonymous cupcakes – delectable and ambrosial – formed a sweet spot in the sea of words that flooded the school last Friday. Photo by Jean Perry*

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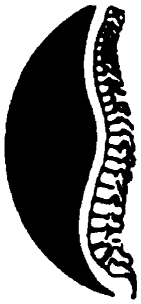

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apartment she'd be renting simply couldn't hold the tonnage, yet she tried to tuck and squeeze all manner of tangible assets into every available nook and cranny.

There were also two storage units packed to bursting with even more flotsam and jetsam from the life she had once lived. Nearly all of it had been collected during the years she was married to her dearly departed spouse. It all meant so much more to her than what my eyes could see.

My efforts to help her purge, efforts she had asked for, were met with deep frustration bordering on hate. She really didn't want my help. She really just wanted someone to be at her side as she handled each piece and relived how it had come into her possession. "Oh, we were driving around Vermont when we came across a roadside shed. We just had to stop and he said…." She could spend hours, days, or the rest of her life roaming the dusty back roads of her memory. I just wanted to throw away anything that was broken. She just wanted to hold onto it all.

I finally realized, in spite of my love and need for her friendship, the close proximity wasn't adding anything to our relationship. If anything, I feared she would end up saying something that would hurt too much for me to accept. Instead, I made a calculated retreat. After all, we hadn't lived close to one another in many decades. Our relationship, while based on mutual respect, shared experiences, and a deep understanding of each other's neuroses, had not been one that included frequent physical contact.

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These past weeks, I'd felt guilty for not being more present, not trying harder to get in the car and go to her. The fact that I'd been struggling with mobility issues spending nearly two years in recovery didn't assuage that guilt. I could have managed to get to her more frequently if I really tried.

Then I received a Facebook message from her saying she was in nursing care after a week of hospitalization with her usual sardonic humor, "What fun!"

The next day, I sat next to her on the uncomfortable hospital bed, stroking her arm and

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crying. She opened her eyes and took me in smiling. She whispered, "Marilou, you came."

There isn't much left of my friend, physically speaking. She was always petite, but now disease has robbed her of the flesh beneath her skin. Her thoughts are a bit confused but her spirit and desire to live to fight another day remain.

I help her sit up, holding her like a fragile glass doll. Every bone in her spine is visible. Her ribs barely expand and contract with her labored breathing. I softly sing a verse from the Eagles song "Hotel California," "…plenty of room at the Hotel California, what a lovely place… You can check out any time you like but you can never leave!" She chuckles, "Ain't that the truth."

I realize while driving home, after making plans to return the following day with homemade soup, that all any of us ever really wants is for someone to listen, to be present. Understanding isn't really necessary. At the end of life, being present as a loved one passes through that last door is most likely the most important thing we'll ever have the privilege of doing … and the most difficult.

Talking Whales with Dr. Michael Moore

By Deina Zartman

Michael Moore, a senior scientist with the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution (WHOI), recently gave an afterschool talk at the Marion Natural History Museum on "Whales of Our Region," with a special focus on endangered right whales.

Turns out, the kids already knew a lot on the subject of whales. For instance, Moore asked what defines a mammal, and one boy knew the answer: Mammals give live birth to their young.

Moore shared photos of humpback whales, right whales, and minke whales, many taken with a drone named "Archie" that is also used to collect samples from

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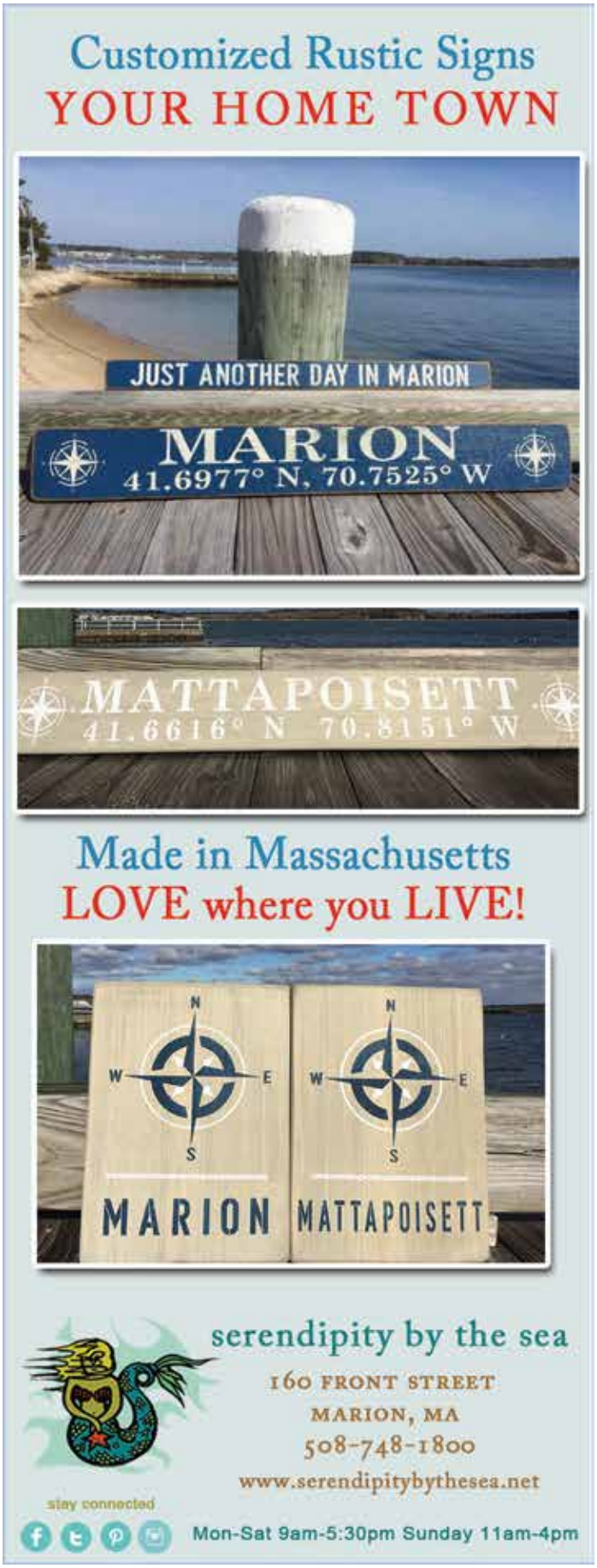


whales' blow clouds for analysis. The overhead photos provided impressive views of whales engaging in "bubble net feeding," where they swim upward in a spiral while blowing bubbles that encircle bait fish like herring, which the whales then eat in a great gulp. They are then able to push the salt water from their mouths while straining their catch through baleen.

The overhead photos also illustrated how individual whales can be identified – right whales by the callosities on their lips, minke whales by their white arm bands, and humpbacks by the white patterns on the underside of their tails (not visible to drones) – and monitored.

Beyond exploring different species of whales, Moore also discussed challenges to their survival posed by humans boating and fishing.

"I've spent my life looking at the balance between human life and marine life," Moore said. "There is always a cost and a benefit."

The cost to whales has been, and continues to be, steep. There is the danger posed by fishing gear like lobster traps and the danger posed by ship strikes. Five percent of the right whales' entire population died in 2017. If that rate of loss continues, Moore said, they will be extinct in 20 years' time.

Not to leave anybody too glum, Moore did show one last overhead photo of a whale, um, relieving itself in the ocean. Nothing will perk up a child like talking about whale doody. Which happens to be a very good fertilizer for the ocean, which is good for the fish, which is good for the whales.

Or, as Moore more simply stated, we must "save the whales to save the fish."

Marion Voters Pass Marijuana Moratorium

Marion Special Town Meeting

By Jean Perry

There was one collective 'aye' and one lonely 'nay' during Thursday night's Special Town Meeting vote to adopt a moratorium on so-called 'Adult-Use

Marijuana' commercial establishments.

The moratorium will temporary halt any recreational marijuana dispensaries from moving into Marion as the Commonwealth poises to release its own final legislation regulating statewide marijuana sales on March 1, leading to an April 1 acceptance of adult-use marijuana dispensaries.

Although licensing for legal marijuana sales establishments is highly regulated under the Massachusetts Cannabis Control Commission's draft regulations, the moratorium would allow municipalities time to review the state's regulations and devise its own zoning regulations on potential placement of marijuana dispensaries.

The moratorium, however, is only in effect until December 31 of this year.

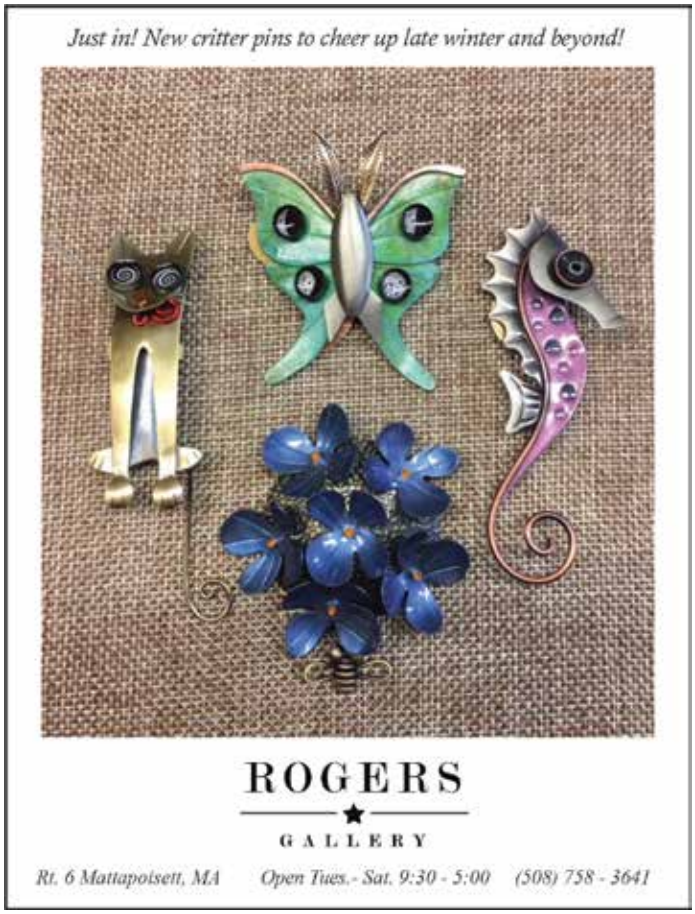
Selectman Steve Gonsalves introduced Article 1 proposing to amend the Town's Zoning Bylaw by adding a new section to include the moratorium.

"The only issue before the voter this evening is whether or not we will act to request a moratorium," said Gonsalves.

Marion voters during the 2016 November election passed ballot Question 4 to legalize marijuana "but regulate it in ways similar to alcoholic beverages."

Planning Board Chairman Eileen Marum addressed the voters on Thursday night, saying, "I recommend that we pass the article, and the Planning Board has unanimously supported the moratorium."

Marion resident John Conway approached the microphone just before the vote and pointed out that nearly a third of Massachusetts municipalities so far have adopted either a temporary or permanent ban on legal marijuana establishments. He urged legislators and town officials to look to the State of Colorado for information before looking into specific laws on zoning, local taxation,



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and other things like signage. "I think planning ahead of time makes sense."

Conway added, as a pediatrician, that he holds concerns about teen use of marijuana. "We do see a lot of lives crumbling because of it… I know that this increases our job as pediatricians."

Article 2 requesting $138,730 from certified free cash to replace the boiler at the Town House passed unanimously, paving the way for a new heating system.

The Town House has been using an external temporary heating source to warm the space since the heating system broke down on December 19.

Selectman Norm Hills introduced the article and said the 50-year-old gas-fired cast iron boiler had been kept in operation past its anticipated life expectancy through a "Band-Aid approach" as the Town decided whether it was going to renovate the Town House or rebuild.

The Finance Committee recommended the article, with Chairman Alan Minard saying, "Basically we're between a rock and a hard place for providing heat for our employees and [the public]…"

The article as printed in the warrant originally requested a sum of $158,460, but a significant cost savings resulted from switching the temporary heater from a diesel-fueled generator to a gas-powered source.

Minard assured voters that there was indeed enough free cash to cover the cost of the repair, and facilities Director Shaun Cormier said the replacement boiler is convertible should it ever need to be relocated to another building, for instance a new town administration building should the Town House ultimately change its use as a town hall.

The Special Town Meeting was adjourned in just about fifteen minutes.

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Hills Calls Out Fellow Selectman's Accusations

Marion Board of Selectmen

By Jean Perry

Selectman Norm Hills fired back at fellow Selectman Steve Gonsalves on February 20 and called Gonsalves out for inciting a shouting match during the February 6 Marion Board of Selectmen meeting when Gonsalves accused Town Administrator Paul Dawson and the two other selectmen of inappropriately excluding him from the Department of Public Works interim supervisor discussion.

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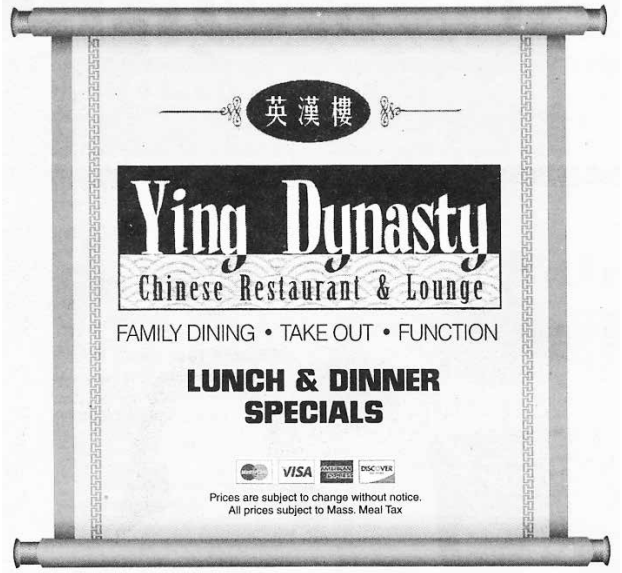

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On February 6, Gonsalves explained how he received a "favorable response" from the State Ethics Commission pertaining to Dawson's seemingly wrong determination that Gonsalves had a conflict of interest relative to DPW interim superintendent talks because Gonsalves' son is employed by the DPW.

On February 20, in Gonsalves' absence, Hills said Gonsalves was wrong in his interpretation of the State Ethics written response.

Gonsalves stated that State Ethics determined that unless Gonsalves was involved with the hiring of his son's *direct* supervisor, Gonsalves could participate in the interim superintendent position. Because there is a supervisor standing between Gonsalves' son and the superintendent, Gonsalves interpreted that as a green light to participate in the hiring process.

The email from State Ethics dated January 25, which *The Wanderer* obtained, does state, "…[The] DPW Superintendent will not be your son's direct supervisor. Under these conditions, [Section] 19 would not be an issue for you…" However, in the same sentence, the letter further clarifies, "…unless the DPW Superintendent, upon starting the job, imminently would be involved in efforts or decisions affecting your son's wages, hours or working conditions." The letter cites examples, such as collective bargaining or a decision personnel matters such as a promotion, that would affect Gonsalves' son's employment status.

"This is the DPW Union contract," said Hills. "It specifically identifies the DPW superintendent as the single person that makes decisions regarding wages, hours, or working conditions for all DPW employees."

Hills said it was town counsel that determined Gonsalves had a conflict of interest, not Dawson, and it was Gonsalves who refused to accept town counsel's opinion. After seeking advice from State Ethics, Hills said Gonsalves was asked to provide Dawson with a copy of the email. "That did not happen," said Hills.

"Instead," Hills said, "he chose to use our previous meeting as a bully pulpit to decry his perceived mistreatment and insult. The only person insulted has been Mr. Dawson."

Hills said there was no excuse for Gonsalves' behavior during the last meeting, saying that all along Gonsalves could have actively engaged Dawson or town counsel for clarification.

"No matter what he said or thinks," Hills said, "Mr. Gonsalves does, in fact, have a conflict of interest

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that prevents him from participating in the DPW superintendent selection process."

After the contentious discussion ceased on February 6, Gonsalves ultimately excused himself from the meeting out of spite until the DPW superintendent appointment of former selectman Jonathan Henry was over.

In other matters, the board approved Building Commissioner Scott Shippey's request to increase Building Department fees, which have not changed since 2011.

"We're still a little bit behind other towns adjacent to us," said Shippey.

After reviewing the fees of similar towns including Rochester, Mattapoisett, and Wareham, Shippey proposed increases for permits and inspections averaging between $5 and $25, depending on the service.

"Electrical permits will go from $40 to $45 for residential and from $80 to $100 for commercial. Building permits will increase from $45 to $50, and foundation inspections will increase another five cents per square foot," said Shippey.

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will go up from $75 to $100, and structures over 1,000 square feet will go up from $125 to $150.

"It just went across the board like that," Shippey said.

Certificates of Inspection, Shippey added, will also increase from $50 to $75, "Because it seems I'm doing a lot more of those lately."

"Again, they're very minor compared to other towns," said Shippey.

In other matters, Town Administrator Paul Dawson, concerned about a higher than expected turnout for the board's March 1 public hearing pertaining to the Town House renovation project, requested to change the venue from the Marion Music Hall to the Sippican School multipurpose room. The meeting will feature the Town House Building Committee and its subsequent subcommittee tasked with exploring a town hall option at the Senior/Community center on Mill Road, and the two options will be presented to the public that night.

That meeting will take place on Thursday, March 1, at 6:30 pm at Sippican School.

Also during the meeting, the board appointed Suzanne Maguire to the Marion Cultural Commission.

Extra benches from the Recreation Department,

pending Conservation Commission approval of location of the benches, may be placed at Sprague's Cove after a request from resident Susannah Davis. The matter was tabled until proposed locations of benches are submitted to the selectmen.

The board signed the employment contract for newly hired Council on Aging Director Karen Gregory.

Dawson announced that Marion resident Bill Claflin passed away and left to the Town various non farm-related tools that he owned. Dawson said he and Facilities Director Shaun Cormier met with the representative of Claflin's estate, and Cormier subsequently took possession of a number of tools. "Some of them are just wrenches and things like that," Dawson said, "but others are pretty intricate machinery that the DPW will make great use of."

Dawson said Claflin was always supportive of the town, "And this is just one final act of kindness."

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Selectmen is scheduled for **March 6** at 7:00 pm at the Marion Town House.

Connet Woods Subdivision Request Continued

Rochester Conservation Commission

By Marilou Newell

A subdivision that has been in the making for 10 years was once again the subject of an application before the Rochester Conservation Commission during the February 20 meeting.

Coming before the commission was Stephen Meltzer, a principal in the Edgewood Development Company of Plainville as well as the property owner of record, with a Request for Determination of Applicability for the construction of a private well and new home on one of the proposed 115 lots originally planned.

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Meltzer described grading activity planned for the lot and pointed out that most of the jurisdictional buffer zone was outside the site in question.

But commissioner Daniel Gagne questioned photographs that seemed to show that cutting within the buffer zone had taken place.

Meltzer said he was unfamiliar with "prior history" of the lot, leading Conservation Agent Laurell Farinon to interject that development had begun 10 years ago, site disturbance from previous owners was evident and she didn't believe there had been any recent tree clearing.

"The history of the site is varied," she told Gagne.

Gagne remained skeptical, noting that he was simply looking at photographs from the site and from his viewpoint those photographs showed cutting in the buffer zone.

Meltzer said, "I'm not here to argue… There may have been past deeds that took place… I'm sorry."

Farinon suggested that the commissioners visit the site to see firsthand what the current conditions are. She also left open the possibility that the RDA filing might not be sufficient and that a Notice of Intent may be in order.

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"This is a good one for the commission to see," Farinon said.

The public meeting was continued until March 6.

Next was the Request for Determination of Non-Significance filed by James Holbrook on behalf of his mother for a proposed dwelling at Old Mill Way. It had come to light, Holbrook explained, that the current plans placed the home over the lot line by three inches. The revised plans would situate the building a foot closer to wetlands then previously drawn. The request was approved.

A Request for Extension Permit by Edgewood Development for the construction of a new bituminous concrete manufacturing plant located off King's Highway was continued until March 6 due to a lack of quorum as one commissioner would have to be recused from the public meeting due to a conflict. The application was continued until March 6.

The commissioners also reviewed the commission's annual report and accepted the draft as written. Farinon said that the document will now head to the Selectmen's Office for inclusion in a larger report to be distributed during Town Meeting.

Also reviewed and accepted was a 60-plus

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page forest management plan drafted by Benjamin Forestry Services for the evaluation of the Upper and Lower River Bend areas off New Bedford Road adjacent to the Shoolman Preserve, a conservation property cooperatively managed by both the Rochester and Mattapoisett Land Trusts.

The report detailed the current condition of the property, including the history of the parcel, types of trees and other vegetation, wildlife implications, and goals for water quality.

Farinon walked the commissioners through the report, noting various significant highpoints including Benjamin's recommendation that the majority of the site be left in its natural state with conservative tree clearing in only a few locations.

The next meeting of the Rochester Conservation Commission is scheduled for **March 6** at 7:00 pm in the Town Hall meeting room.

Town to Seek National Register Status

Marion Planning Board

By Jean Perry

Marion is a town steeped in history with iconic historical buildings important to the town, which is why Town Planner Gil Hilario wants to investigate the possibility of getting some of these buildings officially recognized for their historical significance.

Hilario said he would be consulting with the Marion Historical Commission about advancing towards placing any eligible historic, town-owned buildings on the National Register of Historic Places.

"I was surprised there are no town-owned buildings on the Historic Register," said Hilario. "To me, that's really important for preservation."

Buildings such as the Town House (originally Tabor Academy) and the Elizabeth Taber Library,

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built in 1876 and 1872 respectively, if added to the National Register, could open up the town for grants for rehabilitation work, which is only available to municipalities and nonprofit organizations.

Once the town's Historic Commission prepares an inventory of recommended buildings, the process begins with contacting the Massachusetts Historical Commission (MHC), which administers the National Register program in the state. The MHC then reviews each property's eligibility and whether it meets specific criteria, such as association with significant events or persons in the past.

Sites listed in the National Register of Historic Places are automatically added to the State Register of Historic Places, as well. The State Register serves as a guide when determining whether a state funded or

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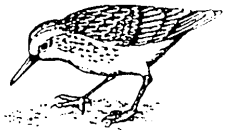

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permitted or licensed project would affect or harm the historical nature of the building.

Hilario said he would be attending a meeting of the Marion Historical Commission to discuss the details.

Also during the February 20 meeting of the Marion Planning Board, the board continued the public hearing for Carolyn Martin's Special Permit application for a pier at 282 Delano Road.

David Davignon of N. Douglas Schneider & Associates, Inc. said the 4-foot wide, 175-foot long aluminum gangway would lead to a 10- by 20-foot float. All work would be performed via barge.

The water depth would be 3.2 feet at low tide and 7.2 feet at high tide, which is significant, Davignon said.

"In most pier projects we do in Mattapoisett and Marion there's very shallow water," said Davignon. "In this case, we actually have a decent level of water."

Davignon said the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers issued the project a permit back on November 28, and the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection Waterways Division is waiting to issue its permit until the Planning Board and the Marion Conservation Commission issue their approvals.

The Marion Harbormaster's Office told the Planning Board that it had no concerns with the project.

Planning Board Chairman Eileen Marum suggested approving the pier project contingent upon Conservation Commission approval, but Planning Board member Norm Hills preferred to continue the hearing until the Conservation Commission issues the Order of Conditions.

"Other than that, I think it's a complete package," Hills said.

In other matters, Hilario said a road safety audit of Route 6 conducted in January is not complete, and a draft report would be released to the town "shortly."

The road safety audit, Hilario said, preceded the Route 6 corridor study slated to begin in the spring, which will take about 18 months to complete.

"I think we're making small steps toward addressing [road safety] problems," Hilario said.

The next meeting of the Marion Planning Board is scheduled for **March 5** at 7:00 pm at the Marion Town House.

RMS Approved for Dental Program

Rochester School Committee

By Jean Perry

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School Nurse Ellen Murphy proposed to the Rochester School Committee last month was approved on February 15.

Beginning this year, RMS students will be offered dental care by Mass Smiles, a program that will visit the school every six months and provide dental care such as screenings, cleanings, sealants, fillings, and fluoride treatments to students whose parents enroll their child into the program. Dental work would be given during school hours and scheduled around specialist classes to avoid critical time blocks like ELA and math.

During its last meeting, the committee had some questions for Murphy, who contacted other Massachusetts schools that participate in the Mass Smiles program. All the feedback, she said, was favorable.

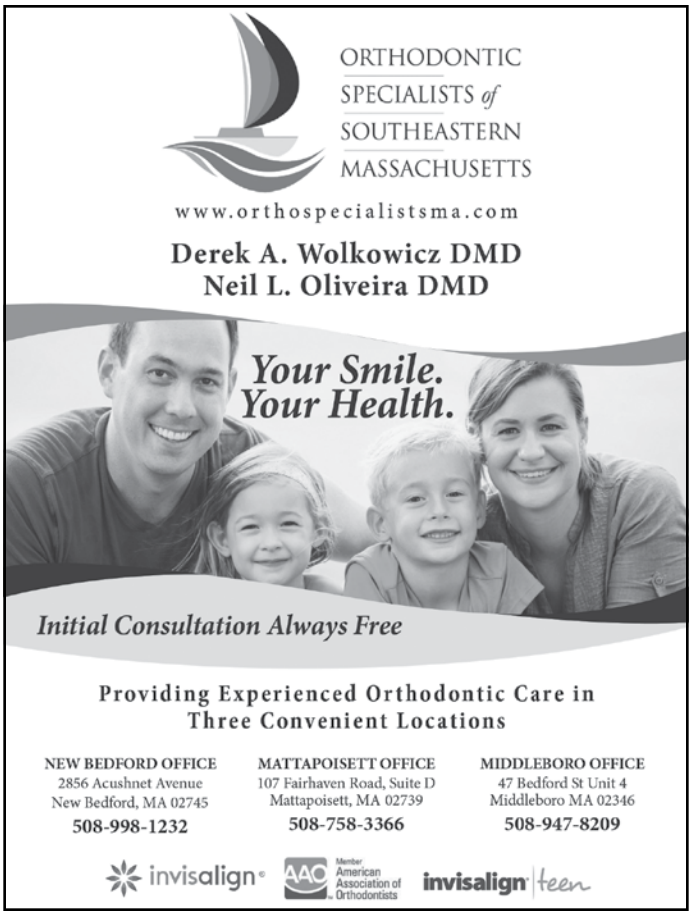
Murphy last month said Mass Smiles first contacted RMS due to an increase in free or reduced lunch participation. The target student population at RMS are students enrolled in the Medicare or Medicaid who would receive the dental care for free, but students with private insurance – or no insurance – are welcome to participate as well.

"There is a high percentage of kids in the state with Medicaid who aren't seeing the dentist at all," said Murphy. "[The program] is not looking for private insurance or people to change dentists," she added, "it's more for those who aren't getting dental care."

The program is a for-profit organization, Murphy said, servicing 19 states and 500,000 children, but she emphasized that if there are any balances due to treatment costs or co-payments, at the end of the month any balances are wiped clean.

"If they get paid, great," said Murphy. "If they don't, it's (the balance) gone."

Murphy spoke with the school nurse of one of the Wareham schools participating in the program servicing



roughly 500 students, saying, "She couldn't say enough about this program."

"She had one little boy with serious decay into his roots," said Murphy. "The [Mass Smiles] dentist treating him … called in a prescription for antibiotics … and followed up with his family."

Murphy said the Department of Public Health also runs a similar program, "But all they do is cleanings," Murphy said. "They don't do sealants. They don't do fillings."

The typical time a student will spend with the dentist would be 15 to 25 minutes, Murphy told the committee.

"The aim of the program is to keep kids in school," said Murphy. "Nationally, fifty-five million hours of school are missed as a result of dental concerns."

Tooth decay is five times more common than asthma in children, Murphy stated. According to the Center for Disease Control, Murphy said dental sealants prevent 80% of cavities for two years and 50% of cavities for up to four years. Children without sealants have three times more cavities than those with sealants, she added.

Last month, School Committee member Sharon Hartley asked if the program could service children after school, but during this meeting Murphy told her that the program could not accommodate that request.

RMS Principal Derek Medeiros voiced his support for the program.

"As a school, we always worry we're not impeding too much on parents … but this is just offering the program to anyone who wants to take it," said Medeiros. The goal is to offer the program and see if there is any interest over the next three or so months.

"It's worth a discussion I thought, especially with the data that Ellen presented," Medeiros said. "There's no obligation up front. It's just, hey, we have this if you're interested…"

Murphy emphasized that there is no cost or liability to the school.

"It sounds like it's worth giving it a try," said Hartley. "I am a little concerned about the time just because it's so tricky these days to get everything in that we have to get in."

Medeiros replied, "We have the structure in place for all the screenings that Ellen does already… We have the experience from that lens." Medeiros continued.

The committee approved the Mass Smiles program and requested that Murphy return at the end of

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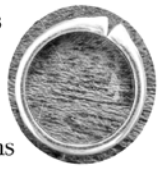

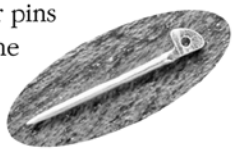

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the year for a follow-up on the program's progress.

The next meeting of the Rochester School Committee is scheduled for **March 29** at 6:30 pm at the Rochester Town Hall.

ORR Unites for Spirit Week

ORR Update

By Jo Caynon

What better way to spend the week before February vacation than by holding a Spirit Week? At Old Rochester Regional High School last week, they did exactly that.

It wasn't rare to see Hogwarts students or Patriots fans wandering the hall in the themed dress-up days that encouraged students to take part in the fun on the lead up to a pep rally on Friday.

The majority of the school week consisted of Jersey Day (to support favorite sports teams), Pajama Day (a classic), Decade Day (dressing up in a specific decade's style), and Character Day (think Halloween in February).

Friday held several events. For the final spirit day, students were encouraged to dress up in garments that demonstrated "school spirit." However, Friday was also the last day at ORR for well-known science teacher Charles Howie. Students and staff alike dressed up in his signature outfit (a gray sweater and khakis) to honor him.

"Seeing people dress up as Mr. Howie was a nice tribute to the legacy he left at ORR," commented Senior Class President Gabe Noble-Shriver. "Although his teaching methods were unique, he was appreciated by everyone."

The annual Class Olympics pep rally took place in the afternoon, where the four classes at ORR would face off in team events to win cash prizes. The winning grade received $300, 2nd place got $200, 3rd won $100 and 4th place received $50 to put into their class funds. One of the

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events, Pictionary, gave pairs from each class one minute to draw given subjects before they were judged.

"Some of the favorite drawings were of Mr. Howie, their ideal new Bulldog logo, and Mr. Devoll cheering on the soccer team, even though he was one of the judges," Freshman Class President Lucy Zhang said. "There was also a three-point shootout event, where a pair had thirty seconds to get a basketball through the hoop from the three-point line as many times as possible. One person would throw the ball, and the second would catch it and toss it back to the thrower. The freshmen girls won the event for us!"

Also played was the egg toss, a doughnut eating contest where one person held the donut on a string and the other tried to eat the donut with their mouth, and tug of war. Although the seniors were victorious in the tug of war competition, the junior class took home the overall first place Class Olympics trophy.

Despite the enthusiam and celebratory tone of Spirit Week and the pep rally, last Friday was a somber day for both the Old Rochester and Tri-Town communities.

Rochester PFC W. Becket Kiernan was laid to rest in the Massachusetts National Cemetery in Bourne, and his procession made its way past the junior and high schools to allow students and staff to pay their respects. People lined the sides of Route 6 with American flags in hand to salute Kiernan as the procession made its way under a large flag suspended between two ladder trucks from local fire departments.

Principal Mike Devoll shared his thoughts on behalf of the entire ORRHS community.

"I would encourage all to consider something Becket said to a reporter from the OR School newspaper two years ago. He said, 'Do something that, when you look back on life, you will feel fulfilled. Don't chase

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ORR Hockey Preps for MIAA Division 2 Tournament

High School Sports Update

By Nick Friar

Coming into the 2017-2018 season, Old Rochester/Fairhaven boys' hockey wasn't sure how its season would end up after graduating **Noah Strawn**, **Sam Henrie** and **Landon Goguen**, some of the state's top players.

While they still had **Tayber Labonte**, who was 13th in the state last year with 54 points, the majority of this season's roster didn't have a ton of experience.

The South Coast Conference schedule remained fairly similar to 2016-2017; however, the postseason schedule had changed, with all Co-op teams being bumped up to the Division 2 tournament.

First, though, the Bulldogs had to take care of business in the conference, which came a bit more easily than they'd initially anticipated, winning the league with a 9-0-2 record (14-3-3 overall) with one game against

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Wareham left. Even Bourne, their top competitor in the conference, didn't put up as much of a fight as Old Rochester head coach Eric Labonte expected.

"From before the season started, yeah I'm definitely surprised," he said. "We lost major players from last year's team and Bourne has like 15 juniors and seniors. They basically had everyone back and we lost key personal. So I was definitely surprised."

Tayber Labonte has been a big reason why ORR/Fairhaven's had continued success this year, scoring 25 goals with 22 assists (47 points, 11th in the state), along with **Ryan Raphael**, who has 13 goals and 19 assists (32 points) on the year.

But two players don't make a team, so the Bulldogs needed to give some inexperienced players more time throughout the year and put an emphasis on what gets done during practice. Clearly that's paid off.

"Really, practice time as the season progressed was important," Coach Labonte said. "Getting kids comfortable with their new roles was what was important. And kind of a winning spirit, we've won the league over the last six or seven years. A lot of the times the kids even willed themselves to win even in games where we might be out-manned."

With a program that's had so much success over the past decade, a concern that might pop up is a sense of entitlement. Because of what team they play for, the rest of the SCC will bow down to them. But ORR/Fairhaven's coach never witnessed any sign of that being the case.

"Even though I didn't expect us to win the league, I certainly felt we could compete for a league title," Labonte said. "Early in the season, when we beat Bourne 6-2, that was sort of a catalyst for us to realize that maybe I kind of short-changed these kids early in the season. After that win in the first game, you kind of realize real quick that we should be able to win the league again."

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But now comes the big test: the Division 2 MIAA tournament. Something not even ORR/Fairhaven's coach has dealt with, with the program having competed in Division 3 over recent years. And while they realize there are tough teams at every division, ORR/Fairhaven expects every minute to be a challenge in the state tournament.

"At the Division 2 level, every game's going to be a battle because we're not overly skilled," Labonte said.

ORR/Fairhaven will likely receive a favorable seeding heading into the tournament but won't know for sure until the pairings are announced soon after the weekend.

Old Colony

Both Old Colony Cougars boys' and girls' basketball teams won the Mayflower Small Vocational Division and are looking to take home some more hardware in the State Vocational Tournament.

The girls (16-4) also won the Vocational Tournament in 2016-2017. They will play host to Franklin County Tech as the first seed on Thursday night at 4:00 pm. If they win, they will also play host again on Friday at 4:00 pm.

The boys (14-6) are looking for redemption after losing in last year's vocational tournament. They're also the first seed in their division and will host Worcester Tech at 6:00 pm on Thursday. If the boys win, they host once again on Friday at 6:00 pm.

Tabor Academy

Tabor girls' basketball clinched a tie for best record in the Independent Schools League, with a chance to go undefeated in the conference when they take on the Middlesex School on Wednesday.

The Seawolves locked up a share of the league title after blowing past Lawrence Academy in a 91-59 win on Monday.

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Correction

In last week's edition, the article titled "The World According to Chocolate" misidentified Victoria Kichuk was a "chocolatier" when in fact she does not make chocolates, but offers chocolate tours.

Letters to the Editor

The views expressed in the "Letters to the Editor" column are not necessarily those of The Wanderer, its staff or advertisers. The

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To the Editor:

Citizens of Marion will be asked in a public hearing at the Music Hall on March 1, 2018 to support the renovation of the existing Town House. Short on maintenance, and not originally designed to serve as a town administration building, it needs a lot of work. I agreed to serve on the building committee that the Board of Selectmen appointed to study whether it should continue to be used as our Town House. Our committee and our architects have completed an in-depth study of the old building and determined that it is structurally sound and can serve.

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an 1870s school building into an attractive and efficient townhouse for Marion in 2019? A careful look at the renovation plans by T2 Architects shows that you can. Credit our critics for forcing us to recognize that the existing building is larger than we need with the town facing so many other expensive projects in the near future. Our plan calls for the demolition of the octagonal annex (almost half of the entire structure) at the rear of the original building. In the proposed layout, departments are grouped for efficient operation, and space is available for a few additional staff if needed. Space is provided for state-mandated paper record storage and other storage in the waterproofed existing basement. High efficiency heating and air conditioning equipment, electrical and telephone equipment rooms, and the automatic sprinkler system for fire safety are also located there. The entire building will be well insulated and equipped with new windows. It will be made fully accessible for the physically handicapped. The result is an historic building of reduced size, much easier to maintain, yet having the monumental character that marks our town's center.

After serving the town 128 years, the building is overdue for renovation. The cost estimate for the project is detailed and complete. The total cost for the building's transformation into a unique asset is between 26 cents and 31 cents per thousand dollars on the annual tax rate. With reasonable care, the renovated building should easily serve for 50 years. I feel that Marion would be diminished by the loss of this icon. Please come to the public hearing at the Music Hall on March 1 to make your opinion known.

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Academic Achievements

Sienna Wurl of Mattapoisett has been named to the President's List at **Western New England University** for the fall semester of 2017. Wurl is working toward a degree in Pre-Pharmacy.

Stephen Burke of Rochester, a member of the class of 2019 majoring in mechanical engineering at **Worcester Polytechnic Institute** (WPI), was a member of a student team that recently completed an intense, hands-on research through the WPI project center in Worcester, England. The project was titled Worcester Go Green Week Preparation Fall 2017. In their project summary, the students wrote, "We improved the current platform for the Go Green Week Fair held by the University of Worcester to promote sustainable habits."

Dylan Soule, a Political Science major from Rochester, was named to the Dean's List. Soule was among the more than 750 students named to the **Saint Francis University** Honors List for the fall 2017 semester.

To be named to the Provost's or Dean's Honors Lists, students must have full-time status and attain a quality point average of at least 3.8 (Provost's) or 3.5 (Dean's) for the given semester.

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commissioned an architectural survey of Marion's historic homes and buildings. The survey was funded one-half by the Sippican Historical Society and one-half by the Massachusetts Historical Commission. Because of the limits of funding, not all of the historic buildings were surveyed, but over 100 were catalogued and photographed. The results of the survey are in digital form on the Massachusetts Historical Commission's website and in four binders in the Sippican Historical Society's office (and at the Marion Town Clerk's office). Marion (Old Rochester) is one of the oldest towns in the United States, and the Sippican Historical Society maintains an extensive collection of documentation on its historic buildings. The Sippican Historical Society will preview one building a week so that the residents of Marion can understand more about its unique historical architecture. This installment features 312 Delano Road.

Part of the charming cottage at 312 Delano Road was built in 1750 by Harper Delano. The prominent Delano family – along with the Briggses, Dexters, and Ellises – were among the first families of Great Neck during the 18th century. A mold for making bullets for the War of 1812 was found in the basement of this house. During the War of 1812, the Delanos were well placed to witness barges carrying British troops from the *Nimrod* on its way to Wareham, where the crew burned a few houses in the village. By 1903, Amos Cornell owned this property. President Franklin Delano Roosevelt was related to the Marion Delanos.

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The Bourne Substance Free Coalition, in partnership with Caron Treatment Centers, will be hosting A Night with NFL Super Bowl Champion 'Cliff' Crosby on Tuesday, **March 6** at 7:00 pm at Upper Cape Cod Regional Technical School located at 220 Sandwich Road in Bourne.

Clifton 'Cliff' Crosby, the charismatic, inspirational, former NFL player and Super Bowl Champion, has a fascinating behind-the-scenes story of how hard choices and hard work helped him overcome difficult family circumstances. Cliff will discuss the fact that your future depends upon your choices, and healthy decision-making is imperative for success. Cliff's presentation focuses on four points:

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Please participate in Tabor Academy's spring blood drive! You will find the blood mobile in the parking lot at 256 Front Street Marion on **February 26** from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm. Drop in or by appointment by calling 508-291-8375.

There are so many in our community who are impacted by cancer and other illness that require blood transfusions. We hope you will help us help our neighbors in the Southcoast by donating during this drive.

Donors will need a photo ID. Please note that appointments take about 45 minutes.

Nasketucket Bird Club

The Nasketucket Bird Club will meet on Thursday, **February 22** at 7:00 pm at the Mattapoisett Free Public Library on Barstow Street. Besides our usual local bird reports, we will have Evan Dalton reporting on "Studying Bird Migration in Israel."

Scientists at Manomet Bird Observatory in Plymouth, MA have been monitoring the birds that use the East Coast migratory flyway for over 50 years. The data collected have painted a vibrant picture of the health of North American bird populations and how they respond to the challenges posed by habitat loss and climate change.

In the fall of 2017, staff from Manomet visited the Jerusalem Bird Observatory in Israel in the first step towards a friendship agreement with a fellow scientific organization. During this trip, they experienced the sheer magnitude of fall migration through the Middle East. Just like at Manomet, scientists at JBO have been collecting data on migrating birds for nearly 25 years. Since the exchange, Manomet has been working with JBO to analyze these data and to work collaboratively in future ecological and educational endeavors.

The library is located on Barstow Street and is handicapped accessible. The program is free and open to the public.

Animal Advice

Jay Gould, DVM

I have 3 cats and one of them isn't using the litter box consistently. I clean the box every few days and have a covered box nicely enclosed in a closet. Is one of my cats sick?

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You can contact Dr. Gould at 508-758-6400 or visit our website at MattapoisettAH.com

The Tri-Town Early Childhood Program

The Tri-Town Early Childhood Program, located at Old Rochester Regional High School, is accepting applications for the 2018-2019 school year. The preschool program serves 3-, 4- and 5-year-olds and follows the school calendar. It is unique in that it provides a high quality early childhood education opportunity to preschoolers, while also offering high school students a chance to learn about working in the field of early childhood education. A licensed early childhood teacher and a rotation of high school students staff the classroom.

A limited number of spaces are available. Applications will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis. The enrollment policy is based on a balance of 3- and 4-year-olds, a balance of boys and girls, and a balance among residents of the three member towns.

An Open House for prospective students will be held on **March 6** from 6:00 to 7:00 pm.

For an application or for more information, visit our website at www.orrhsprek.weebly.com or contact Aimee Fox at 508-758-3745 ext. 1612.

Mattapoisett Historical Society Yard Sale

Mattapoisett Historical Society is now accepting items for our 2018 Charity Yard Sale. Clearing out your closet? Downsizing your house? Kids heading off to college? Want to get organized? Whatever your reason may be, consider donating to the Mattapoisett Historical Society's Yard Sale. All proceeds from the sale (Saturday, May 12, 8:00 - 11:00 am) support the Mattapoisett Historical Society. Donating items for the sale is easy. We accept donations at 5 Church Street in Mattapoisett on

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February Events for the Rochester Council on Aging

Bon Jour! Conversational French I and II will be held on Friday, **February 23** in the conference room of the Rochester Police Station from 9:30 - 11:30 am.

On Sunday, **February 25**, our day trip takes us to Mayflower Brewing Company Micro-Brewery Tour. Lunch will be at Isaac's, Plymouth MA. We leave at 11:00 am and return at 4:00 pm. Lunch from the menu is your only cost.

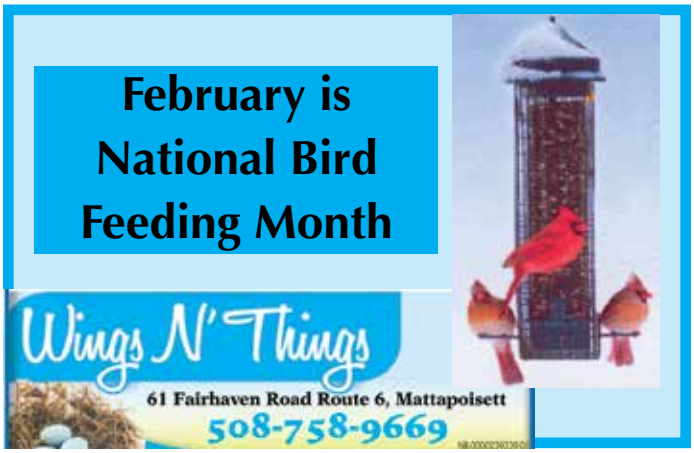
On Monday, **February 26**, enjoy Mike & Ann's special lunch at noon at the senior center.

On Wednesday, **February 28**, the free blood pressure clinic is scheduled for 10:00 am. From noon to 2:00 pm, Senator's Office Visit is scheduled.

NBSO's South Coast Chamber Series Presents "Chiaroscuro"

On **March 10 & 11** the New Bedford Symphony's South Coast Chamber Series continues its season with "Chiaroscuro," a concert featuring harmonies light, dark, and dazzling. Chamber musicians will offer three great works, each a stunningly different canvas of sound and emotion. Haydn's elegant Piano Trio in F-sharp Minor is aural champagne, while Bartók's last string quartet limns a melancholic quest ending in a question mark. Dvořák's sunny A Major Piano Quintet transports us back to a world of joy, hope, and delight.

NBSO violinist EmmaLee Holmes-Hicks joins Chamber regulars Janice Weber, piano; Piotr Buczek, violin; Don Krishnaswami, viola; and Timothy Roberts, cello, for two weekend performances: Saturday, March 10, St. Gabriel's Church, 124 Front Street, Marion, and Sunday, March 11, St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 351 Elm Street, South Dartmouth. Both concerts will be at 4:00 pm. Tickets are $20 per person at the door or pre-purchase online at www.nbsymphony.org/season-subscriptions#chamber-tickets (bring your email receipt for admission).



Practices of the Spirit

All church and community members are welcome to come to the Adult Education Series "Practices of the Spirit." This five-week series continues on Monday evenings at 6:30 pm through March 19. This is a no cost five-week Lenten series presented by the Christian Education Committee at Mattapoisett Congregational Church. The class will take place in the Meditation Room on the lower level of the Church. Please enter through the Barstow Street entrance. Although best experienced as a series, the sessions may be attended individually as well. In order to properly plan, we ask that you email

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Gateway Youth Hockey

The Gateway Gladiators Mite C team played one of their better games of the season on Saturday, skating away with a big 30-17 win for the team. They played the YD Dolphins and there were plenty of goals to go around. It wasn't just the goals that were exciting; the team seemed to get a lot of passes in the game, making it a complete game. Leading the way in scoring were **Kaden Silva** (7G, 4A), **Andrew Soucy** (3G, 4A), **Keeghan Hewak** (4G, 2A), **Tomas doCanto** (4G, 1A), **Will Manning** (4G, 1A), **RJ Murphy** (4G, 1A), **Nolan Almeida** (3G, 1A) and **Caden Kosboski** (1G). Also, playing great in net, **Jake Lovendale** made 25 saves in his second stint between the pipes. The team has three games left on the season and look to finish strong over the next few weeks.

Mattapoisett Cultural Council

Are you interested in supporting community-based projects in the arts, humanities, and sciences in Mattapoisett? Each year, Mattapoisett Cultural Council awards funds for public cultural events such as plays and concerts, arts in the schools, community arts and cultural

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organizations, field trips for students to museums and performances, and more. These programs promote the availability of rich cultural experiences for Mattapoisett residents.

Council members are municipally-appointed volunteers who help determine how to disburse available funds to individuals, schools, and cultural organizations who apply for project support. Mattapoisett Cultural Council is seeking several new volunteers interested in serving as voting members to work together to allocate funding. Information about the local cultural council program is available at http://www.massculturalcouncil.org/programs/lccgrants.asp.

If you are interested or have questions about becoming a member, please contact kcdamaskos@gmail.com. Deadline is March 10, 2018.

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If sufficient public interest is generated, the Coast Guard Auxiliary – Fairhaven Flotilla, instructor Gerald "PJ" Beaudoin will offer the class. The class will be scheduled for May with exact dates and times to be announced.

To express your interest in participating, contact harbormaster@mattapoisett.net or call 508-758-4191.

Boating Skills And Seamanship Course

Have you asked your self questions like: Why should I take a Boating Safety & Seamanship class? Why do I need a Safety Check List before getting underway? I want to buy a boat … what is the best boat for me? How much safety equipment must I have on my boat? I have a cell phone … why do I need a marine radio? If I swamp my boat … what do I do? Do I really have to wear a life jacket? What are the major causes of accidents that happen out on the water and how do I avoid them?

You can get answers to these questions and more by registering to take a Boating Skills and Seamanship Course that will be offered by the Onset/Marion Flotilla 63 of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary. Classes will be held on Wednesday nights from 7:00 to 9:00 pm at the Marion Marconi Building at 13 Atlantis Drive, Marion, Massachusetts.

Registration and classes will begin on Wednesday, **February 28** at 7:00 pm.

This course is directed to the first-time boater and as a great review for the more experienced boater. Subjects to be covered include "Which Boat is for You," "Equipment for Your Boat," "Trailering Your Boat," "Handling Your Boat," Your Highway Signs," and "The Rules You Must Follow." There is a minimal fee of $40 for course materials.

For more information, contact Warren Washburn after 6:00 pm at 508-789-3680.

Tour de Crème Bicycle Event is Back

Is your bike gathering dust in your garage, shed or basement during these long winter months? Well, dust it off, tune it up, and get ready for bike riding and ice cream, all in one great family-oriented event.

The 3rd annual Tour de Crème will take place on Sunday, **May 20**. Organized by the Mattapoisett Land Trust and the Friends of the Mattapoisett Bike Path, the "Tour" raises money for two important projects: maintaining Land Trust walking trails and extending the bike path to the Mattapoisett/Marion town line.

There are four different ride lengths from which to choose – 11, 19, 25 and 50 miles – and up to five ice cream stops along the way. Along each route, riders can stop at sponsoring ice cream shops that will be providing free ice cream for Tour riders.

All rides start at the Mattapoisett Town Beach and end at the harbor in Mattapoisett, where there will be free massages, live music, hot food, cold beverages … and more ice cream!

Each year the Tour has sold out quickly, as the event can only accommodate 300 riders. This year we have a special incentive: Raise $100 on the Tour de Crème Crowdrise online site by March 15 and automatically be guaranteed a spot for the ride you choose. An easy ask of 10 friends/family members for $10 each will guarantee you a great day of bike riding and ice cream! (You'll still have to register for the event). And if you raise more $$$, the Tour website has an impressive list of perks, such as bike lights, lobster rolls, bike jerseys and more.

Registration will begin online on March 15. Visit www.tourdecreme.org for all the information you need, including tour maps.

Below is the info you'll need to combine biking, ice cream and raising money for two important community projects. May 20 will be here before you know it!

- Tourdecreme.org (additional information on rides, maps, times, prizes, etc.)
- Tour de Crème Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/tourdecreme/
- Crowdrise fundraising site: https://www.crowdrise.com/tourdecreme2018

Be Well Wareham

Southcoast Health, the Gleason Family YMCA and Voices for a Healthy Southcoast are collaborating to present, "Be Well Wareham," a wellness initiative that provides free programs for area residents, on Saturday, **February 24** at 9:00 am at the Gleason Family YMCA, 33 Charge Pond Road, in Wareham.

The program features a wellness walk with Southcoast Health cardiologist Dr. Ashwini Sahni followed by a free yoga class with Rhonda May and nutrition seminar with Ayla Caranan. Participants will receive free health kits that include information on nutrition and exercise. All ages and levels of walking ability are welcome.

"Be Well Wareham" holds monthly walks, yoga, nutrition and other wellness programs on the fourth Saturday of each month (third Saturday in November and December to avoid holidays) at the Gleason Family YMCA. The committee organizing the programs includes Southcoast Health's Dr. Sahni; Dr. Robert McGowan; and Jody Reeves, NP; as well as Debra Fringuelli, Director of the Gleason Family YMCA; Kerry Mello, Co-Chair of Voices for a Healthy Southcoast; and Andrea Larocque of the American Heart Association. Other community partners are welcome to join the group.

All programs are free and no registration is necessary. For more information, contact Rachel Davis at davisra@southcoast.org or call 508-973-5212. Also, visit www.southcoast.org/events for a full list of upcoming events from Southcoast Health.

Cushing Cemetery

Cushing Cemetery will be holding a spring cleanup in early April. The superintendent is advising everyone to remove all Christmas decorations, wreaths, boxes, etc. before April 1, 2018. When he starts the cleanup, anything not removed will go to the landfill. Your help will be most appreciated.

Marion Recreation Department CPR Training

The Marion Recreation Department will be offering two CPR Training Courses to the public on Saturday, **March 24** from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm and on Saturday, **April 21** from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. The cost of the course is $75. Space is limited. Registration ends Monday, March 19 for the March course and Monday, April 16 for the April course. To register, please contact the Marion Recreation Department at JDickerson@marionma.gov.

Mattapoisett Democratic Caucus

The Mattapoisett Democratic Town Committee caucus to elect convention delegates to the 2018 Democratic State Convention will take place on Saturday, **February 24** at 10:15 am at the Mattapoisett Free Public Library, 7 Barstow Street.

The caucus is open to all registered Democrats or preregistered Democrats (those who will be 18 by September 18, 2018) who live in Mattapoisett. The convention will be held June 1-2 at the DCU Center in Worcester. For more information, email sarahw@mattdems.org.

MAC Dance Academy

The Marion Art Center is pleased to announce that Miss Teah Keogh has returned as Director and Instructor of MAC Dance Academy and is now registering children ages 3-6 for a spring 2018 session of classes. Classes are being offered on Mondays starting on March 12 and will run a total of 8 weeks (but no classes will be held during school vacation week) with a Parent Watch Day scheduled in May. Three different levels of classes teaching introductory skills in ballet, tap and light tumbling are offered and geared toward different age groups including (1) Preschool: for those 3-4 years of age; (2) KinderStep: for those 4-5 years of age; and (3) Beginner: for those 5-6 years of age.

Shelly Richins, President of the Board of Directors at the Marion Art Center, commented, "Teah developed such a following and coveted program here years ago. We feel so fortunate to have her return." She continued, "And this spring session is a precursor of plans to roll out a bigger program during the next school year, so we are excited about the potential for growth and offering more to our local community."

Registration is now available online at http://www.marionartcenter.org/classes/mac-dance-academy/.

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Thursday February 22, 2018
7:00 AM Seniorcize
7:30 AM Senior Medicare Patrols
8:00 AM Seniors on the Move
8:30 AM The Buzz Around Bees
9:00 AM Sing Along Fun with Miss Mirim
9:30 AM Chico and Bman
10:00 AM What's Linda Cooking?
10:30 AM Grumpy Old Men Cooking
11:00 AM The Steve Katsos Show
12:00 PM Movie
2:00 PM A Taste of Theater
2:30 PM The Kamla Show
3:00 PM Tae Kwon Do
3:30 PM Wicked Good Food
4:00 PM Garage X
4:30 PM The Garage with Steve Butler
5:00 PM Beyond Boston
5:30 PM Hollywood Movie Maker
6:00 PM Sidewalk Entertainment
6:30 PM Playhouse Theater
7:00 PM Legal Ease
7:30 PM Registers Report
8:00 PM Money Matters TV
8:30 PM Beyond My Crisis
9:00 PM Science 360
9:30 PM STEM in 30
10:00 PM Democracy Now!
11:00 PM Off the Shelf
11:30 PM Off the Shelf

Friday February 23, 2018
7:00 AM Seniorcize
7:30 AM Navigating the Way for Seniors
8:00 AM Seniors on the Move
8:30 AM Health Source
9:00 AM Chico and Bman
9:30 AM Small Factory Productions
10:00 AM What's Linda Cooking?
10:30 AM Eat Well Be Happy
11:00 AM The Steve Katsos Show
12:00 PM Movie
2:00 PM A Taste of Theater
2:30 PM The Kamla Show
3:00 PM Tae Kwon Do
3:30 PM Who Did It? The Clue VCR Game
4:30 PM 4 Deep Sorts Talk
5:00 PM Duke of Sports
6:00 PM All Things Victorian
6:30 PM Deutsch Welles
7:00 PM Deutsch Welles
7:30 PM Deutsch Welles
8:00 PM ORRHS Senior Superlatives
9:00 PM Don't Dis My Ability
10:00 PM Democracy Now!
11:00 PM Words on Film

Saturday February 24, 2018
6:00 AM Saturday Morning Cartoon Festival
9:00 AM What's New Massachusetts?
9:30 AM Falmouth in Focus
10:00 AM Health Source
10:30 AM South Coast Matters
11:00 PM Fox Robbins Business Show
11:30 PM Fox Robbins Business Show
12:00 PM Science 360
1:00 PM Women 2 Women Today
1:30 PM Upper Cape Tech Presents Careers
2:00 PM Carpe Diem
2:30 PM New England Authors with Kameel Nasr
3:00 PM The Buzz Around Bees
3:30 PM Around the House
4:00 PM Sci-Fi Journal
5:00 PM The Mario and Dennis Show
5:30 PM Arts Alive
6:00 PM The O! Melodious Show
6:30 PM The World Fusion Show
7:00 PM UMass Darmouth Lecture Series – Service Animals and ADA
8:30 PM Read, Rant, Repeat
9:30 PM Play On!
10:00 PM Words on Film
11:00 PM Media Edge

Sunday February 25, 2018
7:00 AM New Testament Church of Cedarville
8:00 AM Cape Cod Health News
8:30 AM Today's Message
9:00 AM Chef's Table
10:00 AM The World Fusion Show
10:30 AM Framingham Fan to Fan – Curling
11:00 AM Carpe Diem
11:30 AM Cinemaniacs
12:30 PM Eat Well Be Happy
1:00 PM First Congregational Church of Rochester
2:00 PM Angel Talk
2:30 PM Ask Dog Lady
3:00 PM A Vetren Story
3:30 PM A Vetren Story
4:00 PM Neighborhoods to Nations
5:00 PM Sound Off
6:00 PM St. Luke's UMC
7:00 PM Sippican Historical Soceity Oral History
8:00 PM Sippican Historical Soceity Oral History
9:00 PM Sippican Historical Society
10:00 PM Media Edge

Monday February 26, 2018
7:00 AM Seniorcize
7:30 AM Seniors on the Move
8:00 AM Cape Cod Residents Senior Prom
8:30 AM Framingham Fan to Fan – Curling
9:00 AM Chico and Bman
9:30 AM Small Factory Productions
10:00 AM What's Linda Cooking?
10:30 AM Euro Kitchen
11:00 AM The Steve Katsos Show
12:00 PM Movie
2:00 PM A Taste of Theater
2:30 PM The Kamla Show
3:00 PM Carolyn Farm Kitchen
3:30 PM Perils for Pedestrians
4:00 PM What's New Massachusetts?
4:30 PM 4 Deep Sports Talk
5:00 PM All Things Victorian
5:30 PM Deutsch Welles
6:00 PM Deutsch Welles
6:30 PM Deutsch Welles
7:00 PM J9 on 9
7:30 PM Mario and Dennis Show
8:00 PM Don't Dis My Ability
9:00 PM Democracy Now!
10:00 PM Cinemaniac!
11:00 PM Words on Film

Tuesday February 27, 2017
7:00 AM Seniorcize
7:30 AM Seniors on the Move
8:00 AM Senior Scene
8:30 AM Framingham Fan to Fan – Curling
9:00 AM Small Factory Productions
9:30 AM Storytime at Carver Memorial Library
10:00 AM What's Linda Cooking?
10:30 AM Eat Well Be Happy
11:00 AM The Steve Katsos Show
12:00 PM Movie
1:30 PM Yoga for Health
2:00 PM A Taste of Theater
2:30 PM The Kamla Show
3:00 PM Chef's Tabel
4:00 PM The Garage with Steve Butler
4:30 PM Beyond Boston
5:00 PM Hollywood Movie Maker
5:30 PM Sidewalk Entertainment
6:00 PM Playhouse Theater
6:30 PM Legal Ease
7:00 PM Money Matters TV
7:30 PM Beyond My Crisis
8:00 PM Science 360
8:30 PM STEM in 30
9:00 PM Democracy Now!
10:00 PM Democracy Now!
11:00 PM Alberta Sequiera

Wednesday February 28, 2018
7:00 AM Seniorcize
7:30 AM Navigating the Way for Seniors
8:00 AM Seniors – How to Maintain Your Independence
9:00 AM Children's Corner
9:30 AM Cape Cod Health News
10:00 AM What's Linda Cooking?
10:30 AM Eat Well Be Happy
11:00 AM The Steve Katsos Show
12:00 PM Movie
1:30 PM Tae Kwon Do
2:00 PM A Taste of Theater
2:30 PM The Kamla Show
3:00 PM Tae Kwon Do
3:30 PM Alberta Sequeira
5:00 PM Tabor Academy: Science Work Lecture
6:30 PM Deutsch Welles
7:00 PM Deutsch Welles
7:30 PM Deutsch Welles
8:00 PM J9 on 9
8:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?
9:00 PM Democracy Now!
10:00 PM Democracy Now!
11:30 PM Media Edge

MARION GOVERNMENT
Comcast Channel 95
Verizon Channel 39
Daily Schedule
7:00 AM Marion School Committee – January 10, 2018
8:00 AM Marion Conservation Commission – January 24, 2018
9:30 AM Marion Board of Selectmen – February 6, 2018
10:30 AM Marion Planning Board – February 5, 2018
12:00 PM Marion School Committee – January 10, 2018
1:00 PM Marion Conservation Commission – January 24, 2017
2:30 PM Marion Board of Selectman– February 6, 2018
3:30 PM Marion Planning Board – February 5, 2018
5:00 PM Marion Town House Sub Committee – February 12, 2018
6:30 PM Marion School Committee – January 10, 2018
7:30 PM Marion Conservation Commission – January 24, 2018
9:00 PM Marion Board of Selectman – February 6, 2018
10:00 PM Marion Planning Board – February 5, 2018

ROCHESTER GOVERNMENT
Comcast Channel 95
Verizon Channel 40
Daily Schedule
7:00 AM Rochester School Committee – January 18, 2018
8:30 AM Old Rochester Regional District School Committee – January 17, 2018
10:30 PM Rochester Board Selectmen – February 5, 2018
11:30 PM Rochester Planning Board – Febuary 13, 2018
1:30 PM Rochester Zoneing Board of Appeals – February 8, 2018
2:00 PM Rochester Conservation Comission – February 6, 2018
3:00 PM Rochester Board of Selectman – February 5, 2018
4:00 PM Rochester Planning Board – Febuary 13, 2018
6:00 PM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals – February 8, 2018
6:30 PM Rochester Conservation Comission – February 6, 2018
7:30 PM Rochester School Committee – January 18, 2018
9:00 PM ORR District Budget Meeting – January 24, 2018
11:00 PM Rochester Board of Selectman– February 5, 2018

EDUCATION CHANNEL
Comcast Channel 97
Verizon Channel 37
Daily Schedule
7:00 AM Bulldog Weekly
7:30 AM ORRHS Boys Varsity Basketball vs GNBVT
9:30 AM ORRHS Boys Varsity Basketball vs Fairhaven
11:00 AM ORRHS Girls Varsity Basketball vs Diamn-Rehoboth
12:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
12:30 PM ORRHS Girls Varsity Basketball vs Somerset
1:30 PM ORRHS Boys Hockey vs Diman-Rehoboth
2:30 PM ORRHS AP Information Night
4:00 PM ORRHS Senior Superlatives
5:00 PM Old Colony Boys Varsity Basketball vs Diman
6:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
6:30 PM Old Colony TV Episode 1
7:00 PM Old Colony Girls Varsity Basketball vs SS
8:00 PM ORRHS Ice Hocky vs SB
9:00 PM ORRHS Girls Varsity Basketball vs Wareham
10:00 PM ORRHS Boys Varsity Basketball vs Apponequet
11:00 PM ORRHS Girls Varsity Basketball vs GNBVT

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SHERMAN'S LAGOON
by J.P. Toomey

Although membership is not required to take dance classes, Marion Art Center members who have family membership or higher do receive a discount on classes. The current membership year runs August 1, 2017 through July 31, 2018.

Teah Keogh is a classically taught dancer in the genres of ballet, tap, jazz, hip hop and gymnastics. She previously taught second grade for eight years and ESL for two years in the Old Rochester Regional school district and also coached the ORR Dance Team for two years. Teah ran MAC Dance Academy for five years before moving to Denver and has just recently returned to the Tri-Town area.

MAC Dance Academy is a low-key academy providing extraordinary dance instruction in the areas of ballet, tap, jazz, contemporary, hip-hop and gymnastics in a safe learning environment. For more information about MAC Dance Academy, call 508-748-1266, email marionartcenter@verizon.net, or stop by the Marion Art Center located at 80 Pleasant Street (corner of Main and Pleasant) during gallery hours: Tuesday through Friday from 1:00 to 5:00 pm and Saturdays from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. For more information about the Marion Art Center, visit http://www.marionartcenter.org/classes/.

Mattapoisett Library News

Bruins and Libraries Team Up with Pajama Drive. Patrons of the Mattapoisett Free Public Library are encouraged to donate new pajamas for babies, children, and teens through March 15 as part of a Boston Bruins and Massachusetts Libraries partnership to help youth in need. This year's state-wide goal is 10,000 pairs of pajamas, and when that goal is reached, each participating library will receive two pre-season Bruins tickets for the 2018-19 season to be used for a free drawing. Other prizes to libraries are also available.

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Collection boxes can be found in both the children's department and the upstairs reading room, or pjs can be given to any staff member. Staff from the Department of Children and Families along with Cradles to Crayons will distribute the pajamas to youth in their care throughout the Commonwealth.

When shopping this month, please look for cozy pajamas to share with children. Anyone is welcome to participate.

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OBITUARIES

Jennifer M. Bourdon, 30, of Mattapoisett died February 13, 2018 unexpectedly at home.

Born in New Bedford, the daughter of Robert W. Bourdon of Mattapoisett and the late Marie A. (Berardi) Bourdon, she lived in Mattapoisett all of her life.

Jennifer was a graduate of Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School.

She enjoyed attending Community Connections in Fairhaven.

Survivors include her father; and her sister, Kathleen Barnes of Mattapoisett.

Her Memorial Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, February 22nd at 9 am in St. Anthony's Church in Mattapoisett. Burial will follow in the Massachusetts National Cemetery, Bourne. Arrangements are with the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd., Route 6, Mattapoisett. For online guestbook, please visit www.saundersdwyer.com.

Carla S. Gifune, 87, died Sunday, February 11, 2018 at Nemasket Health Care Center in Middleboro after a long illness. She was the wife of the late Frank P. Gifune, Jr.

Born in Greenwich, CT, she was the daughter of the late Louis and Clara (Clevenger) Scala. A previous resident of N. Reading, she moved to Marion in 1968 where she lived until the early 1980's. She also lived in Wareham and Florida.

Mrs. Gifune received her M.Ed. from Lesley University in Cambridge and was a teacher, then principal at Sippican School in Marion.

She was a member of the First Congregational Church in Marion, and the Mass. Teachers' Association.

Survivors include her children, Kimberley Haskell and her wife Lori, and Greg F. Gifune and his wife Carol all of Wareham; 3 grandchildren, 7 great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her brother, the late George Scala.

Funeral services and burial will be private.

Paul E. Rinta, 67, of West Wareham, died Feb. 16, 2018 in the Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston after a brief illness. He was the husband of Linda (Carey) Rinta and the son of Lillian J. (Heleen) Rinta and the late Eli E. Rinta.

He was born in Wareham and grew up in Rochester. He lived in West Wareham for many years. He graduated from Old Rochester Regional High School and Burdett College.

Mr. Rinta was a Cranberry Grower for over 50 years.

He was a devoted husband and loving son, father, and grandfather. He held a private pilot's license and the Bull Jump Air Strip in Wareham. He enjoyed taking his grandchildren for rides in his '56 Buick.

Survivors include his wife, Linda (Carey) Rinta; 2 sons, Paul Rinta, Jr., and Andrew Rinta; his grandchildren, Corynn Rinta, Matthew Rinta, Hayden Rinta and Skyler Rinta all of Wareham; his mother, Lillian J. (Heleen) Rinta of Rochester.

Visiting hours were held on Tuesday, Feb. 20, 2018 at the Chapman, Cole & Gleason Funeral Home, 2599 Cranberry Hwy., Wareham.

His memorial service was held at 10:00 am on Wednesday, Feb. 21, 2018 at the Church of the Good Shepherd, 74 High St., Wareham.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or to the Shriners Children's Hospital, 51 Blossom St., Boston, MA 02114.

Durwood G Parker, 84, of Taunton passed away peacefully, Sunday, February 18, 2018 at Marion Manor. Durwood was born and raised and lived his whole life in Taunton, Massachusetts and was the son of the late Durwood and Delia Parker. He is survived by his brother Gary Parker and sister in law Marcia Parker of Mattapoisett, MA. In addition, he is survived by his niece Molly Parker of Key West, Florida and niece Amy Parker Ventre, her husband Mark Ventre and his "grand" nieces Olivia and Grace of Andover, MA. He is also survived by his nephew Alex, his wife Summer Parker and "grand" nephews Will and Ben of Lexington, MA.

Dewey spent his whole life in the closely knit neighborhood on Linden Street (the Brickyard area of Taunton). He was blessed being with all of the neighbors that cared for him and supported him throughout the years. His entire working life was spent at Marion Manor working in the maintenance department. He retired after almost 40 years at his job.

He was a charter member of the Taunton Boat Club which was established over 50 years ago. Dewey was always seen on the Taunton River in his boat, taking untold numbers of people for excursions on the water. He also spent a great deal of time with his brother in Mattapoisett out on Buzzards Bay, Vineyard and Nantucket Sounds, fishing and landing some very large striped bass. He always had a love of the water, whether out on a boat or sitting on the side of the Cape Cod Canal watching the vessel traffic go by or endlessly fishing in pursuit of that trophy striper.

Durwood was always highly visible in his cherished GMC pickup truck. He was always ready to lend a hand to any of his friends that needed assistance moving some lumber or making a dump run.

Dewey will be missed by his many friends and all of his family. He was a very special person.

A special thank you for the wonderful care provided to Durwood by Dr.James Hoye, Tammy Tilton, NP and the whole staff at Marion Manor. They too are very special people.

Visitation has been omitted. A celebration of life will be scheduled at a future date in Mattapoisett.

Symphony Seaside Swing! A vintage 1920s cabaret evening will take place on Saturday, **June 2**, when the New Bedford Symphony Orchestra hosts its annual Seaside Swing fundraiser at the Kittansett Club in Marion. This year's seaside gala features a "High Hats & Flapper Show" as well as signature cocktails, an elegant dinner, dancing to the music of the NBSO Swing Band, and a fabulous auction where guests will have the opportunity to bid on unique and interesting items.

A number of sponsorship packages are available for $1,000 to $10,000, including tickets, and all support levels include recognition in the Seaside Swing invitation and Seaside Swing program book, as well as in the concert season program book and on the NBSO website. Individual tickets for the event are $200. To order tickets or for more details on sponsorships, call the NBSO at 508-999-6276. All proceeds from "Puttin' on the Ritz" will help support the NBSO's educational programs and concert series.

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Mattapoisett Library Children's Events

The following February events will take place in the Children's Department at the Mattapoisett Free Public Library during February School Vacation:

- Thursday, **February 22** at 10:30 am: Morning Movie at the Library. Watch Disney's animated film *101 Dalmatians* and enjoy free popcorn. No registration required.
- Friday, **February 23** at 2:00 pm: Make a snowman out of

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***They Remain.* Starring William Jackson Harper and Rebecca Henderson. Directed by Philip Gelatt. Running time: 100 minutes. No MPAA rating. In limited theatrical release on March 2.**

A slow-burn psychological thriller like *They Remain* requires patience. It seems to be more about mood and paranoia than about plot or easy scares — kind of like John Carpenter's *The Thing* but more minimalist, if that's even imaginable. Most of the movie is a two-hand exercise showcasing two actors — William Jackson Harper and Rebecca Henderson — as scientists and former lovers who spend several weeks in an isolated woodsy area, measuring this and that, reporting on their meager findings. The woods, precisely photographed by Sean Kirby, amount to a third character, although we meet a sardonic pilot who interacts briefly with the scientists while picking up some evidence. The area is of interest for two reasons: animals are acting oddly, and the site was once home to a murderous cult. They may have left unfound corpses in the woods; some of the cult members may still be out there somewhere.

Ah, yes, Out There Somewhere, that time-honored horror trope. *They Remain,* adapted by writer/director Philip Gelatt from a story by Laird Barron, takes pains to maintain its ambiguity. Aliens? Demonic possession? Minds cracking under stress and isolation? We're kept in the dark for a long time, and despite the film's small footprint on the afternoon, it *feels* like a long time. The pace is obviously glacial for a reason, and achieves what Gelatt is going for, a meditative freak-out that runs partly on the scientists' experience of boredom and repetition. Its ornery long-take rhythm may attract a small cult audience that zones out blissfully on draggy sci-fi (*2001, Solaris, The Man Who Fell to Earth, Blade Runner 2049*).

Might this have been happier at half the length as an *X-Files* episode? The scientists, particularly the man, get more and more fearful — the story is told through his eyes, so the woman becomes more and more suspect. Given that these characters could be of any color (or gender — they could be former gay male or female lovers), are we to place much importance on the identities of the male as African-American and the female as Caucasian? One could engage in quite a chunk of racial theorizing if not for the possibility that, like Duane Jones in *Night of the Living Dead,* the best actor for the role also happened to be black. Whether the various racial subtexts were or weren't *placed* there, instead of cropping up on their own, we can't quite help viewing the relationship and its attendant conflicts and rapid devolution through this filter, even though the *text* yields no drama about, or even acknowledgment of, the man's race.

There sure is acknowledgment of the woman's gender, though; at one point the man unleashes an existential howl of "Bitch!" The text, elusive as it is, doesn't seem to disagree. But here I am, calling the movie a "text," three times now. An artsy patience-tester like *They Remain* (named for some association with *It Follows*?) seems to demand to be *read.* The mood is all, and Gelatt is on point there, weaving a tapestry of curiosity and dread out of its Malick-esque visuals and its oddball score (by Tom Keohane) — he tries to make this underpopulated, one-location movie cinematic. The quietude is sometimes broken, too, by the characters' nightmare visions of the cultists drifting around the trees and performing barely-glimpsed offenses to decency.

The land itself seems to be demonic, infesting its inhabitants with bad self-annihilating vibes. The soil contains secrets and mysteries, among them skeletons a hundred years old. We could say this cursed earth is America itself, built on the bones of the indigenous and the captured, and the text …. There we go again. Could *They Remain* be after something so banal as a built-on-Indian-burial-ground story, wrathful ghosts pitting black against white, woman against man, even in the hermetic context of a remote laboratory in a field? It's worth asking why Carpenter's *Thing,* which theoretically should attract lots of academic woolgathering, seems to exist completely outside of interpretation. Carpenter just said "These guys don't trust each other" and that was that. The image of a black man and a white man facing each other with affable nihilism at the end of *The Thing,* with neither us nor them knowing who was human, doesn't seem to mean anything outside of itself. That sort of thing sure seems to mean something in *They Remain.* But what?

a recycled bottle – free, all materials provided, children under 8 must bring an adult helper. Spaces are limited; please register for this program by February 21 in the children's department (as space allows).

Heritage Recipe Project

Do you have one or two family recipes that are part of your family's history? Or do you have a family favorite, a tried and true recipe that is always a hit? Or how about that recipe you whip up to please your dinner guests?

The Mattapoisett Historical Commission is launching the Heritage Recipe Project. When you share your recipes with the Historical Commission, you'll be adding a bit of your family's history to the community's melting pot.

Your recipes will be posted to the Historical Commission's webpage located at www.mattapoisett.net. Join in the fun and flavors of Mattapoisett – send your Heritage Recipe to marilounewell@gmail.com.

Marion Natural History Museum After-School Programs

The Marion Natural History Museum will offer the following programs through the winter and spring:

February 28: BARK! Have you ever noticed how trees have different types of bark? Some smooth, some deeply furrowed, but all serve an important purpose. Let's learn a little about tree identification using characteristics other than leaves.

March 14: Animal Track, Scat and Sign Basics. Gnawed wood, deer scat, and animal tracks left in the snow or mud. Come join us for a fun-filled adventure to learn about different animal tracks, how animals move, and the signs animals leave behind.

March 28: Designing with sticks and stones. Have you ever built a fort out of sticks? Some people might consider that a form of art as well as cover. We'll be looking at examples of different arrangements of simple items from nature (sand, rocks, twigs, leaves) to create art, and attempt to create a simple piece ourselves.

April 4: Backyard Bugs. Together we will take a closer look into our own backyards at the world of insects. We will explore some of the insects we might find and how they have overcome challenges we would never consider. Come join us as we dive into the mysterious and misunderstood micro-cosmos of the insect world with Blake Dinius, Entomologist with Plymouth County Cooperative Extension

TriTown Happenings

On Friday, February 16, Class of 2017 ORR graduate and 18-year-old Marine Becket Kiernan was laid to rest at the Massachusetts National Cemetery in Bourne. All of Old Rochester lined the side of Route 6 for a final farewell to Becket as Principal Mike Devoll stood solemnly as the procession passed beneath the giant U.S. flag suspended by two local ladder trucks. Fire and police from all three towns lined the opposite side of the street to pay their respects. Photos by Jean Perry

The third and fourth graders at RMS transformed the school into one collective living, breathing dictionary last Friday, February 16, for the annual Vocabulary Day parade. Students chose a word and personified it in costume for the rest of the school, and this year for parents as well. Photos by Jean Perry

These photos and more are available online at www.wanderer.com

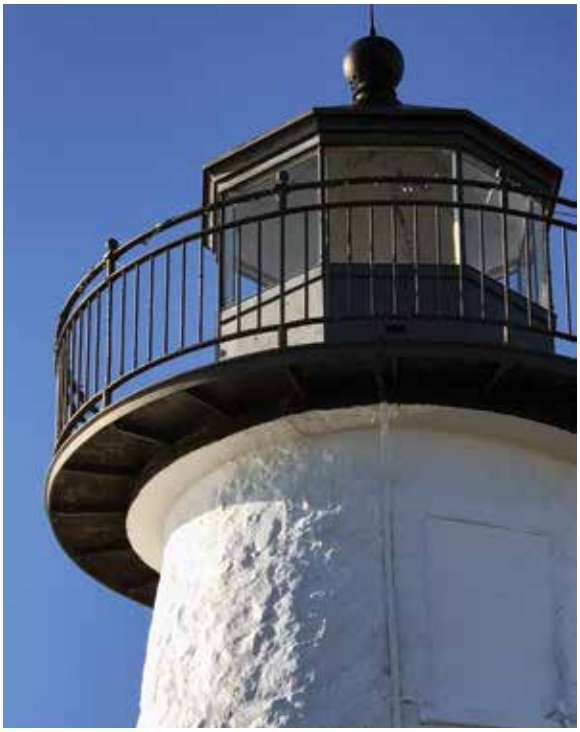
April 11: Early spring bird walk. Join us while we learn about some of the birds we see at our feeders or only glimpse briefly in flight. Justin Barrett, from the Nasketucket Bird Club, will be leading our walk. Please dress warmly.

April 25: Let's dive into vernal pools. Let's study these temporary natural nurseries. We will be using microscopes and magnifiers to take a close look at some of the plants and animals that rely on this important habitat (they will be returned to the same pool they came from).

May 9: Bird Island trip with Isaac Perry and the Marion Harbormaster's office. We will see the habitat of some of the world's rarest birds. This program fills very fast so please register early!

May 16: This IS rocket science! Join us while learning about propulsion and lift with Mike Cronin. Each child will have his/her own rocket with motor to assemble and set off. The cost for this program is $20 per participant. Submit payment to Marion Natural History Museum. Space is limited to 12 children. The program is limited to children ages 6 and older, on a first-come, first-served basis. Parent volunteers are encouraged to help with rocket assembly. For more information, go to www.marionmuseum.org.

TriTown Happenings



It was feeling a lot like spring at Mattapoisett Boat Yard and Ned's Point Light this week. Photos by Carol Barnewolt

Seen here are some of the attendees at the Rochester Democratic Caucus on February 10. Three delegates and one alternate will be going to the state convention to nominate candidates for this September's Democratic primaries. Photo courtesy Matt Monteiro

On Valentines Day, the Marion Natural History Museum's afterschool group had a chance to learn about humpback and right whales. Dr. Moore of the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution showed the students how a drone may be used to observe a whale's spout to determine its health. We also had a chance to view bubble-netting practices of humpbacks, see how baleen plates fit in a whale's mouth, and discussed the hazards the whales face due to entanglements in fishing gear. Many thanks to Dr. Moore for sharing his experiences with us. Photo courtesy Elizabeth Leidhold

These photos and more are available online at www.wanderer.com

Summer Track and Field Camp

Summer Track and Field camp will be held from 9:00 - 11:00 am on **Saturday, July 30 - Tuesday, August 2** at ORRHS. Open to those entering Grades 5-12. The cost is $125. Coaches will be Bill and Cindy Tilden, ORR hurdle coach Sean Medeiros, Wareham head coach Chris Gardner and New Bedford head coach Isaiah Houtman. You may register day of or send an email to orrtrackcoach@msn.com for registration papers.

Project GROW 2018-2019

Project GROW applications for the 2018-2019 school year are now available online for children who will be 3-5 years old by September 1, 2018. Project GROW is an integrated preschool program with three locations: Sippican School, Center School, and Rochester Memorial School. The program has a Monday/Wednesday/Friday group and a Tuesday/Thursday group, and both run from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. This program does not provide transportation, so families must arrange drop off and pick up. Tuition for the program is $25 per day. Financial assistance is available for families who qualify.

For more information about Project GROW, or for an application, please check out our Facebook page, www.Facebook.com/ORREarlyChildhoodOffice. You can also call the office at 508-748-1863 or email ChelseaHarrison@oldrochester.org.

Rochester Country Fair Volunteers

The Rochester Country Fair is actively looking for volunteers to fill in many small and leadership positions for the 2018 country fair. The Fair is managed by an all-volunteer staff that comes from a variety of backgrounds and talents, each contributing their skills and time to provide a safe, family-friendly event that brings many smiles to all and lasting memories. Volunteers who have served the fair – some for a few years, others for many – like time have moved on, and we are forever grateful for their priceless service and time provided, but their absence leaves a void to fill. This is where you come in. An opportunity to join a dedicated team of volunteers at this year's country fair is waiting for you! Here is the list of positions that we need to fill:

- Children's events coordinators and support staff. If you love children and are creative, individuals are needed to organize and facilitate children's events over the course of the fair. We have several props from past events available and welcome new ideas.
- Several administrative positions requiring good organizational, communication, and Microsoft skills are as follows: coordination of insurance certificates, donation and sponsorship letters, coordination of fundraisers, press releases, scholarships, facilitation of the RCF brochure, and general advertising and planning. Help of any kind is always welcome.

The Rochester Country Fair is a family-friendly agricultural fair held each year in August, but without the available positions filled, the fate of the country fair is in jeopardy. An opportunity to be part of the Rochester Country Fair team and creating long-lasting family memories, right here in your own backyard, is waiting for you! Interested? Then contact us at rochestercountryfair@comcast.net. We look forward to hearing from you.

MLC Peter Hodges Memorial Scholarship

The Mattapoisett Lions Club, a member of Lions International, the world's largest service club organization consisting of 45,000 clubs and more than 1.3 million members worldwide, is pleased to announce the availability of two (2) $2,500 scholarships to be awarded this year to a graduating high school or homeschooled student residing in Mattapoisett, Marion or Rochester.

The funds for the Peter Hodges Memorial Scholarship are raised through fundraisers held by the Mattapoisett Lions Club throughout the year, including Harbor Days, an annual Arts and Craft Festival held in Shipyard Park, Mattapoisett every third weekend of July.

The Lions Club motto is "We Serve," as some of the largest charitable causes of Lions International include raising funds for Ever Research in an effort to end preventable blindness throughout the world, eradicating measles world wide in partnership with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, and here at home providing services for those in need in our communities.

To qualify, a graduating student or homeschooled

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Tri-town Police Logs

MARION

Log highlights Feb 11-Feb 17

- Beach St – Health/welfare
- Benson Brook Rd – Suspicious activity
- South St – Health/welfare
- Wilson Rd – EMS/medical
- Point Rd – Officer wanted
- Pine Hill Ln – Larceny/past
- Village Dr - Disturbance
- Spring St – Animal control
- Hartley Ln – Health/welfare
- Front St – EMS/medical
- Hermitage Rd – Follow up
- Mill St – EMS/medical
- Wareham Rd – A&B/past
- Pine Island – EMS/mutual aid
- Dexter Rd – EMS/medical
- Front St – EMS/medical
- Cove Cir – Identity theft
- Mill St – Family offense
- Dina's Way – EMS/medical
- Front St – EMS/medical
- Wareham Rd – Officer wanted
- Main St – Follow up investigation
- Point Rd – Assist municipal agency
- Spring St – Follow up investigation
- Point Rd – Suspicious person
- Pine Hill Ln – Officer wanted
- Wareham Rd - Fraud
- Wareham Rd – A&B/in progress
- Cove St – EMS/medical

MATTAPOISETT

Log highlights Feb 11-Feb 17

- Church St Ext – Health/welfare
- Baker Ln – Animal control
- Crystal Spring Rd – Burglar alarm
- County Rd – Transport prisoner
- Melissa Anne Ln – MV violations
- North St – MV violations
- Acushnet Rd – Assist citizen
- Alderberry Ln - Disturbance
- Marina Dr – Unattended death
- Church St Ext – Health/welfare
- Third St – Animal control
- Barlow Ln – 911 abandoned
- Marina Dr – 911 abandoned
- North St – MV violations
- County Rd – Restraining order service
- Acushnet Rd - Vandalism
- North St – Unwanted person
- Driscoll Ln – Received summons
- Homestead Ct – Health/welfare
- North St – Suspicious persons
- River Rd – MV crash
- Marion Rd – Suspicious persons
- Antassawamock Rd – Assist citizen
- County Rd – MV lockout
- North St – Health/welfare
- Brandt Island Rd – Health/welfare
- County Rd – Follow up investigation
- North St - Disturbance
- Acushnet Rd – Suspicious persons

ROCHESTER

Log highlights Feb 11-Feb 17

- Noble Rd – Officer wanted
- Hathaway Pond Cir – Ambulance
- New Bedford Rd – Erratic operation/
- High St – Noise complaint
- Dexter Ln – Transport/escort
- Cushman Rd – MV accident
- Cranberry Hwy – Transport prisoner
- Robinson Rd – Larceny/forgery/fraud
- Pine St – Officer wanted
- New Bedford Rd – Larceny/forgery/
- Snipatuit Rd – MV accident
- Snipatuit Rd – Officer wanted
- High St – Ambulance request
- Pine St – Officer wanted
- Snipatuit Rd - Investigation
- Cranberry Hwy –Ambulance request
- Ryder Rd – Health/welfare
- Pierce St – Ambulance request
- Alley Rd – Suspicious activity
- Dexter Ln – Officer wanted
- Dexter Ln – 911 silent
- Pine St – Ambulance request
- Sparrow Ln - Lockout
- Taber Ln – Serve warrant/arrest
- Burgess Ave – Officer wanted
- Dexter Ln – Community service
- Neck Rd – Assist other agency
- Bowens Ln – Ambulance request
- Paradise Ln – Noise complaint

For a full PDF of the three town's police logs from the past week, including arrest reports, visit www.Wanderer.com.

Regional Lunch Menus

COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM

Monday, Feb 26: Curry chicken, Israeli couscous, beets, glazed carrots, whole wheat bread, mandarin oranges
Tuesday, Feb 27: Shredded cheese, minestrone soup, penne pasta w/meat sauce, brussel sprouts, whole wheat roll, banana
Wednesday, Feb 28: Tuna salad, German potato salad, cole slaw, oatmeal roll, tiramisu, diet: low sugar cake
Thursday, March 1: Roast pork w/apple gravy, garlic mashed potato, green beans, multigrain bread, mixed fruit
Friday, March 2: Tuna noodle casserole, broccoli florets, bread stick, cinnamon apples

CENTER SCHOOL

Monday, Feb 26: Build a burger, seasoned potato wedges, three bean salad, carrot & celery sticks **2nd choice:** Homemade soup w/ 1/2 a turkey sandwich **3rd choice:** Chef salad
Tuesday, Feb 27: Taco Tuesday, shredded lettuce & tomato, cheese, corn & black bean salsa, fiesta rice **2nd choice:** Homemade soup w/ 1/2 a turkey sandwich **3rd choice:** Chef salad
Wednesday, Feb 28: Spaghetti & meat sauce, cheesy filled bread stick, tossed salad **2nd choice:** Homemade soup w/ 1/2 a turkey sandwich **3rd choice:** Chef salad
Thursday, March 1: Teriyaki chicken dippers, steamed broccoli, fried rice, fortune cookie **2nd choice:** Homemade soup w/ 1/2 a turkey sandwich **3rd choice:** Chef salad
Friday, March 2: Stuffed crust pizza, tossed salad, Cat in the Hat jello **2nd choice:** Homemade soup w/ 1/2 a turkey sandwich **3rd choice:** Chef salad

OLD HAMMONDTOWN

Monday, Feb 26: Build a burger, seasoned potato wedges, three bean salad, carrot & celery sticks **2nd choice:** Homemade soup w/ 1/2 a turkey sandwich **3rd choice:** Chef salad
Tuesday, Feb 27: Taco Tuesday, shredded lettuce & tomato, cheese, corn & black bean salsa, fiesta rice **2nd choice:** Homemade soup w/ 1/2 a turkey sandwich **3rd choice:** Chef salad
Wednesday, Feb 28: Spaghetti & meat sauce, cheesy filled bread stick, tossed salad **2nd choice:** Homemade soup w/ 1/2 a turkey sandwich **3rd choice:** Chef salad
Thursday, March 1: Chicken broccoli alfredo, garlic bread stick and cucumber slices **2nd choice:** Homemade soup w/ 1/2 a turkey sandwich **3rd choice:** Chef salad
Friday, March 2: Stuffed crust pizza, tossed salad, Cat in the Hat jello **2nd choice:** Homemade soup w/ 1/2 a turkey sandwich **3rd choice:** Chef salad

OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH

Monday, Feb 26: Crispy chicken sandwich, lettuce, tomato, pickle, french fries, brainy broccoli **2nd choice:** Deli bar, soup bar, pizza bar **3rd choice:** Grab n go salads & wraps
Tuesday, Feb 27: ***new*** Tex-mex lasagna, corn & black bean salsa, side salad **2nd choice:** Deli bar, soup bar, pizza bar **3rd choice:** Grab n go salads & wraps
Wednesday, Feb 28: ***new*** Memphis BBQ, baked mac & cheese, pulled pork sliders, coleslaw **2nd choice:** Deli bar, soup bar, pizza bar **3rd choice:** Grab n go salads & wraps
Thursday, March 1: Spaghetti & meat sauce, green beans, bread stick, tossed salad
Friday, March 2: Chicken (or) cheese quesadilla, Spanish rice, tossed side salad

ROCHESTER MEMORIAL

Monday, Feb 26: Build a burger, seasoned potato wedges, three bean salad, carrot & celery sticks **2nd choice:** Homemade soup w/ 1/2 a turkey sandwich **3rd choice:** Chef salad
Tuesday, Feb 27: Taco Tuesday, shredded lettuce & tomato, cheese, corn & black bean salsa, fiesta rice **2nd choice:** Homemade soup w/ 1/2 a turkey sandwich **3rd choice:** Chef salad
Wednesday, Feb 28: Spaghetti & meat sauce, cheesy bread stick, tossed salad **2nd choice:** Homemade soup w/ 1/2 a turkey sandwich **3rd choice:** Chef salad
Thursday, March 1: Teriyaki chicken dippers, steamed broccoli, fried rice, fortune cookie **2nd choice:** Homemade soup w/ 1/2 a turkey sandwich **3rd choice:** Chef salad
Friday, March 2: Stuffed crust pizza, tossed salad, Cat in the Hat jello **2nd choice:** Homemade soup w/ 1/2 a turkey sandwich **3rd choice:** Chef salad

SIPPICAN SCHOOL

Monday, Feb 26: Build a burger, seasoned potato wedges, three bean salad, carrot & celery sticks **2nd choice:** Homemade soup w/ 1/2 a turkey sandwich **3rd choice:** Chef salad
Tuesday, Feb 27: Taco Tuesday, shredded lettuce & tomato, cheese, corn & black bean salsa, fiesta rice **2nd choice:** Homemade soup w/ 1/2 a turkey sandwich **3rd choice:** Chef salad
Wednesday, Feb 28: Spaghetti & meat sauce, cheesy filled bread stick, tossed salad **2nd choice:** Homemade soup w/ 1/2 a turkey sandwich **3rd choice:** Chef salad
Thursday, March 1: Teriyaki chicken dippers, steamed broccoli, fried rice, fortune cookie **2nd choice:** Homemade soup w/ 1/2 a turkey sandwich **3rd choice:** Chef salad
Friday, March 2: Stuffed crust pizza, tossed salad, Cat in the Hat jello **2nd choice:** Homemade soup w/ 1/2 a turkey sandwich **3rd choice:** Chef salad

OLD COLONY REGIONAL

Monday, Feb 26: Turkey & gravy over mashed potatoes with stuffing and steamed carrots
Tuesday, Feb 27: Asian chicken bowl & bread stick
Wednesday, Feb 28: American chop suey, green beans & garlic bread
Thursday, March 1: Steak & cheese sub, peppers & onions, fries
Friday, March 2: Assorted stuff crust pizza & Caesar salad

student shall be enrolled in their first year of a recognized school of higher education, must be a resident of the Tri-Town area, and have demonstrated service to the community.

To obtain an application, learn more about this Award, or to learn how to become a member of the Lions Club, visit our website www.mattapoisettlionsclub.org. Award applications are also available through the guidance department at your high school.

Applications must be received by March 24, 2018.

Buzzards Bay Swim

Twenty-five years ago, a visionary group of local residents had a big idea: to swim 1.2 miles across outer New Bedford Harbor to raise awareness and funds for clean water in Buzzards Bay. That year, 17 swimmers raised $2,000 at the very first Buzzards Bay Swim, hosted by the Buzzards Bay Coalition.

Pembroke resident and New Bedford native Dan Vasconcellos was one of those first swimmers. Back then, he remembers, the water in the outer harbor wasn't as clear as it is today. "You might have been able to see your hand in front of you. Now, the conditions are unbelievable."

Since that first Buzzards Bay Swim in 1994, the event has grown to attract more than 300 swimmers from communities across New England and beyond to the shores of New Bedford and Fairhaven each June. This year, you can be part of the Swim's storied history by signing up for the 25th Buzzards Bay Swim on Saturday, **June 30** at www.savebuzzardsbay.org/swim.

"The fight for clean water is a gradual, powerful movement that builds over decades, punctuated by extraordinary opportunities like this one: to swim with over 300 like-minded people who believe in the same cause," said Coalition President Mark Rasmussen, who will complete his fifth Swim in June. "This anniversary gives us a chance to celebrate how far Buzzards Bay has come while recommitting to finishing the job together."

The Swim is an exciting outdoor experience that welcomes swimmers of all abilities and fitness levels ages 11 and up. Swimmers complete a scenic 1.2-mile point-to-point open-water course from New Bedford's South End, past the iconic Butler Flats Lighthouse and New Bedford Hurricane Barrier. First-time and beginner swimmers can swim with a personal kayak or paddleboard escort for safety.

At the celebratory finish line at Fort Phoenix State Reservation in Fairhaven, swimmers and their guests are welcomed with a beach party featuring a live steel drum band, pancakes cooked to order, gourmet coffee, free massages, local craft beer and awards and prizes.

Local swim coach Brett Pacheco has completed the Swim 10 times. "As a lifelong New Bedford resident, being able to swim in the water here on a yearly basis is fantastic," he said. "To see the Swim grow from 50 or 60 people to over 300 people every year is amazing. It's a pleasure to be a part of, and I would encourage other people to give it a try!"

Last year, swimmers raised $135,000 for clean water in Buzzards Bay. For the 25th anniversary Swim, the bar is set higher than ever: swimmers will work to raise $150,000, which will earn the Coalition a $50,000 matching grant from the Fish Family Foundation. All funds raised support the Coalition's work to restore and protect the Bay from threats such as nitrogen pollution, oil spills and disappearing forests, streams and wetlands.

Don't miss your chance to swim for clean water at the 25th anniversary Buzzards Bay Swim on Saturday, June 30. Sign up today at www.savebuzzardsbay.org/swim.

The Buzzards Bay Swim is a Waterkeeper Alliance

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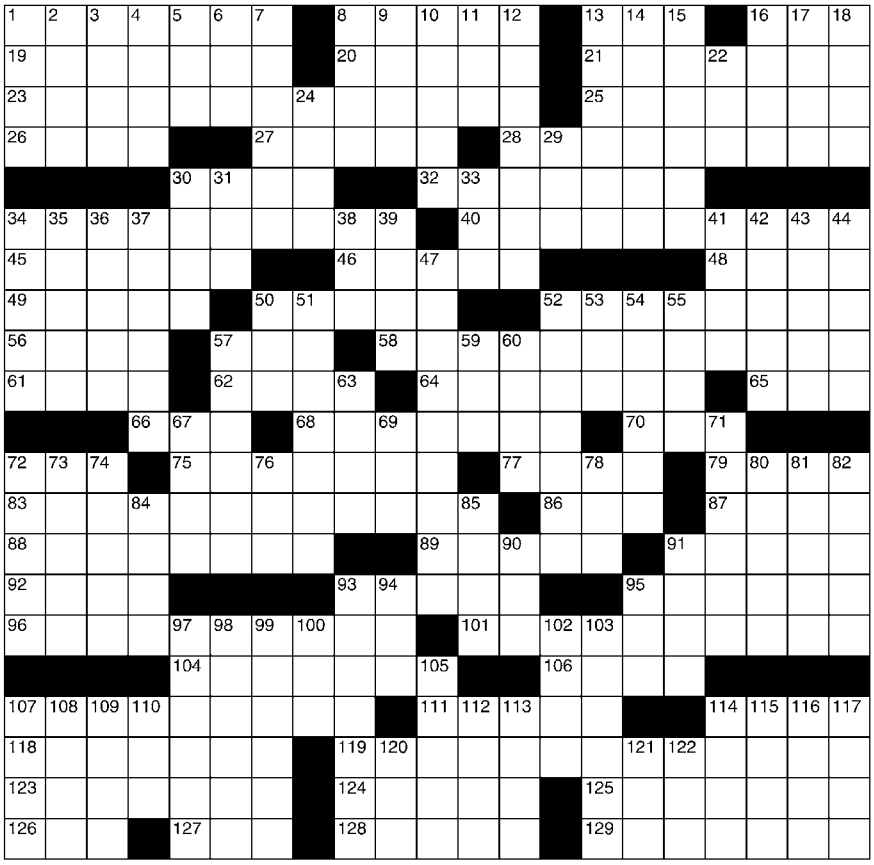
Super Crossword

WE INTERRUPT THIS PROGRAM

ACROSS
1 Of the liver
8 "Hello" singer of 2015
13 The Cowboys, on scoreboards
16 "That feels ni-i-ice!"
19 Variety of coffee
20 Of the kidneys
21 Book like Titus or Jude
23 * Futile endeavor
25 Restricting factor
26 "What — state of affairs"
27 Go away
28 * Non-earthlings
30 Cowboys or Raiders
32 Money matters
34 * Freight vessels
40 * Saw beyond
45 Sirens, say
46 Rearrange
48 Safe, asea
49 Arm parts
50 Imam's God
52 Twisted fiber used in textiles
56 Tony-winning Schreiber
57 Bitter beer
58 * Feral horses of the West
61 Bending body part
62 Diner cousin
64 Samovars, e.g.
65 Unwelcome grade
66 Sci-fi captain Jean- — Picard
68 Their names are divided in the answers to the starred clues
70 Muscles to crunch
72 Absorb
75 Ring arbiter
77 Hood's blade
79 Not sickly
83 * People trying to get mates
86 Suffix with 121-Down
87 Distinctive periods
88 Heating device
89 Piñata topper?
91 Slips on sleet
92 Seed casing
93 Crumpet alternative
95 "Remington —"
96 * It often adjoins a big bedroom
101 * Folk hero of Vermont
104 — riche
106 British prep school
107 * Result of income inequality
111 Prefix with surgeon
114 Genesis twin
118 Dreadful
119 * Their members love drawing blanks
123 Zero
124 Bar garnish
125 French explorer who named Louisiana
126 "Goodness!"
127 St. crossers
128 Niamey site
129 Scoundrel

DOWN
1 "Very funny"
2 Lustful god
3 Daddy
4 Tucked in
5 Up to, in brief
6 Drink cooler
7 Algiers area
8 Western gas brand
9 Unheeding
10 "Tuff —" (1986 hit)
11 Vegas intro?
12 Powell of film
13 Break the connection of
14 For each
15 Described
16 "— girl!"
17 Baldwin of Hollywood
18 "Take it"
22 Knight's title
24 Huge hauler
29 Vietnamese neighbor
30 Little kids
31 Double curve
33 Spot in la mer
34 Waterproof sealant
35 Dog-tired
36 Zellweger or O'Connor
37 Fishtank bed
38 Comrade
39 Picnic side
41 — visit (call)
42 "... from — down under" (1981 hit song lyric)
43 Coat fabric
44 Not relaxed
47 Until then
50 "Carte" start
51 Body part cut by van Gogh
52 Compacted, informally
53 Big water filter brand
54 Seabees' mil. branch
55 Fed. crash prober
57 Agree to
59 Zodiac lion
60 Yogi Bear voicer Butler
63 "Climb — Mountain"
67 Stellar bear
69 Espy
71 Israeli coin
72 "Beat it!"
73 Butler's Scarlett
74 Toenail treatments, for short
76 Waitress at Mel's Diner
78 State of fury
80 Disney mermaid name
81 Gravy spoon
82 German steel city
84 River deposit
85 Trig function
90 Tennis call
91 Kenton of jazz
93 Squelches
94 Dance move, when tripled
95 — Balls (snack brand)
97 Infatuate
98 Tennis' — Garros Stadium
99 Elk sounds
100 Gardner of old movies
102 Spice's kin
103 Coral rings
105 Strip of gear, nautically
107 Did vocals
108 English horn relative
109 Cell: Suffix
110 "This — recording"
112 Gutter site
113 On-demand taxi service
114 Vivacity
115 Mope
116 Adept
117 PC sort?
120 Roman 151
121 Have dinner
122 "Cyber" CBS series



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SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Stop being the wool-gathering Lamb, and start turning that dream project into reality. You have the ideas, the drive and the charisma to persuade others to follow your lead. So do it.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You've scored some big successes. But remember that all hardworking Ferdinands and Ferdinandas need some time to restore their energies and refresh their spirits.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You're gaining a stronger mental image of what you're trying to achieve. Now look for the facts that will help get this to develop from a concept into a solid proposal.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Some of you eager-to-please Moon Children might want to delay some decisions until midweek, when you can again think more with your head than your heart.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) A new business venture seems to offer everything you've been looking for. But be careful that that rosy picture doesn't betray traces of red ink under the surface.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A volatile situation needs the kind of thoughtful and considerate care you can provide right now. There'll be plenty of time later to analyze what might have gone wrong.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Your loyalty to a friend in a tough situation earns you respect from people you care about. Those who criticize you don't understand what friendship is all about.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Your strong work ethic is rewarded with the kind of challenging opportunity you love to tackle. Now, go ahead and celebrate with family and/or close friends.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A legal matter you thought had been finally resolved could require a second look. But don't make any moves without consulting your lawyer.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Taking charge is what you like to do, and since you do it so well, expect to be asked to lead a special group. This could open an exciting new vista for you.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) An important matter might wind up being entrusted to you for handling. The responsibility is heavy, but you'll have support from people able and eager to help.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A spouse or partner might make an important, even life-changing, suggestion. Consider it carefully. It could hold some of the answers you've both been looking for.

BORN THIS WEEK: You always try to do the right thing, and for the right reasons. No wonder people have come to depend on you.

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SPLASH Series event, presented nationally by Toyota. For more information on the SPLASH Event Series, please visit www.splashseries.org. The Swim is also sponsored by Amica Insurance, Fiber Optic Center and YMCA Southcoast. To inquire about sponsoring the Swim, contact events@savebuzzardbay.org.

Join the Friends of the Mattapoisett COA

Everyone is invited to join the Friends of the Mattapoisett Council on Aging, Inc., a 501(c)(3) nonprofit. The FMCoA serves as the fundraising arm of the Council on Aging. You can become a "Friend" and help out through your annual membership.

Pick up the FMCoA membership application at the Senior Center or go online to download a form: www.mattapoisett.net/sites/mattapoisettma/files/uploads/2018_friends_application_0.pdf.

Your membership will be valid through the end of 2018 and allows you to vote at the January Annual Meeting. For more information, contact Bob Kelley at 508-758-6311 or email r.kelley@ieee.org.

Public Skating at Tabor Academy

Marion Recreation's popular public skating runs Sundays from 12:00 to 2:00 pm through February 25 at the Travis Roy Rink at Tabor Academy. This is an opportunity for you to skate the ice in an open skate format in a beautiful venue. Cost is $5 per person. Hats, gloves, and ice skates are required to skate. For details, visit www.marionrecreation.com, call Marion Recreation Department at 774-217-8355, or email info@marionrecreation.com.

Mattapoisett COA Happenings

Everyone is welcome to participate in activities and services at the Mattapoisett Council on Aging, 17 Barstow Street. Most activities are "drop in." The COA newsletter, with special event listings, is available online at www.mattapoisett.net/council-aging. For any questions and/or to register for trips and special events, call 508-758-4110 or email to: coadirector@mattapoisett.net.

Mondays: 8:45 am -Tai Chi (free); 10:00 am - Knitting (free); 10:00 am - QiGong (free); 12:00 pm - Strength & Balance; 1:00 pm - Scrabble; Footcare ($22, by appointment)

Tuesdays: 8:30 am - Yoga (free, at Congregational Church Hall); 12:00 pm - Movie & Pizza (last Tuesday of month); 12:30 pm - Art History (every other month, call for details); 1:00 pm - Water Color Painting; 4:00 pm - Chess Club lessons (beginners welcome); Legal Services (15 minutes free, by appointment)

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Wednesdays: 9:15 am - Patriot Place & Trader Joe's (every 2nd Wednesday of the month); 9:30 am - Dance Fit (free); 10:45 am - Meditation (donation); 12:00 pm - Strength & Balance (free); 1:00 pm - Bingo ($1 per card); 1:15 pm - Mah Jong (free)

Thursdays: 9:30 am - Pottery/Hand Clay (every other Thursday, call to register, $10 includes material & finished product); various trips (call the COA for details)

Fridays: 8:15 am - Yo-lates (Yoga + Pilates, free); 9:30 am - Market Basket van (every first Friday); 9:30 am - Shaw's Wareham (every 3rd Friday); 10:00 am - QiGong Prescription ($10); 11:15 am - Chair Yoga ($4); 1:00 pm - Line Dancing (free/donations accepted).

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TOWN OF MARION
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Town of Marion Board of Selectmen will conduct a public hearing on Thursday, March 1, 2018 at 6:30 pm in the Music Hall, 164 Front Street, Marion to review and consider options for the MARION TOWN OFFICES.
Jonathan E. Dickerson, Chairman 2/15, 2/22

TOWN OF ROCHESTER
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to Chapter 76, Section 12B of the Massachusetts General Laws, you are notified that there will be a public hearing of the Old Rochester School Committee regarding SCHOOL CHOICE FOR THE 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR at 6:30 pm, on Wednesday, March 7, 2018, at the Media Room of the Old Rochester Regional Jr. High School, 133 Marion Road, Mattapoisett, Massachusetts. 2/22, 3/1

TOWN OF MARION
BOARD OF HEALTH
LEGAL NOTICE

The Marion Board of Health will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, March 13, 2018 at 5 pm in the Main Conference Room of the Marion Town House on the variance requests submitted by N. DOUGLAS SCHNEIDER & ASSOCIATES, INC. pertaining to the property located at 534A Point Road, further identified as Map 6, Lot 39C.

The following variances are requested from Title 5 of the State Environmental Code and the Marion Sanitary Code:

310 CMR 15.104: Percolation Testing:

Request a variance to design the size of the leaching area based upon the sieve analysis rather that an actual percolation test.

310 CMR 15.212: Depth to Groundwater:

Request a variance to install the bottom of the soil absorption system 3 ft. above the maximum seasonal high groundwater rather that the 4 ft. requirement.

M.S.C. 4.60.2: Sewage System Flow Design Criteria:

Request a variance to design the leaching area per Title 5 vs. the minimum 400 gallons per day requirement of the M.S.C.
John B. Howard, MD, Chairman 2/22, 3/1

TOWN OF MARION
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

The Board of Selectmen of the Town of Marion, shall receive General Bids at the Town of Marion Department of Public Works, 50 Benson Brook Road, P.O Box 1050, Marion, Massachusetts, 02738 for Construction of the County Road Water Main, Contract No. 8, until 2:00 pm prevailing time, Thursday, March 15, 2018, at which time bids will be opened and publicly read aloud. Bids submitted after this time will not be accepted.

The Work of the Contract generally consists of furnishing and installing approximately 2,700 linear feet of 12-inch diameter ductile iron water main in County Road from Point Road to Blackmore Pond Road, including associated service connections, fittings, hydrants, valves, appurtenances, and a water main bridge crossing over the Sippican River with guardrail replacement.

Copies of the Contract Documents for the work may be obtained at Nashoba Blue Print, 433 Main St, Hudson, MA 01749, Phone No. (978) 568-1167, upon presentation of a company or certified check drawn on a responsible bank or trust company, made payable to Tata & Howard, Inc., in the amount of $50.00 per set of specifications and plans. Contract Documents will be mailed to prospective bidders upon request and receipt of a separate company or certified check payable to Nashoba Blue Print in the amount of $35.00 which will be a non-refundable mailing fee.

Each bid shall be accompanied by a bid security in the amount of 5% of the total bid amount and in the form described in the Instructions to Bidders. A Performance Bond and Labor and Materials Payment Bond each in the amount of 100 percent of the contract price will be required in the form described in the Instructions to Bidders. The bidding and award of this Contact will be under the provisions of "Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 30, Section 39M (MGL C.30, S.39M)". Minimum wage rates as determined by the Commissioner of Department of Labor and Industries under the provision of the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 149, Sections 26 to 27H, as amended, apply to this project. Award of the Contract is subject to appropriation of funding at the Town of Marion Annual Town Meeting scheduled for May 2018.

If the bidder views/obtains the plans and specifications from a source other than those noted in this Advertisement for Bids, the accuracy and/or completeness of the bid documents cannot be guaranteed and the bidder assumes the responsibility for obtaining any additional information regarding the project, including addenda, that may be required for bidding. Failure to acknowledge addenda issued during bidding shall designate a bid as non-responsive.

A copy of this advertisement is available on the Massachusetts Newspaper Publishers Association (MNPA) website (http://masspublicnotices.org/). 2/22

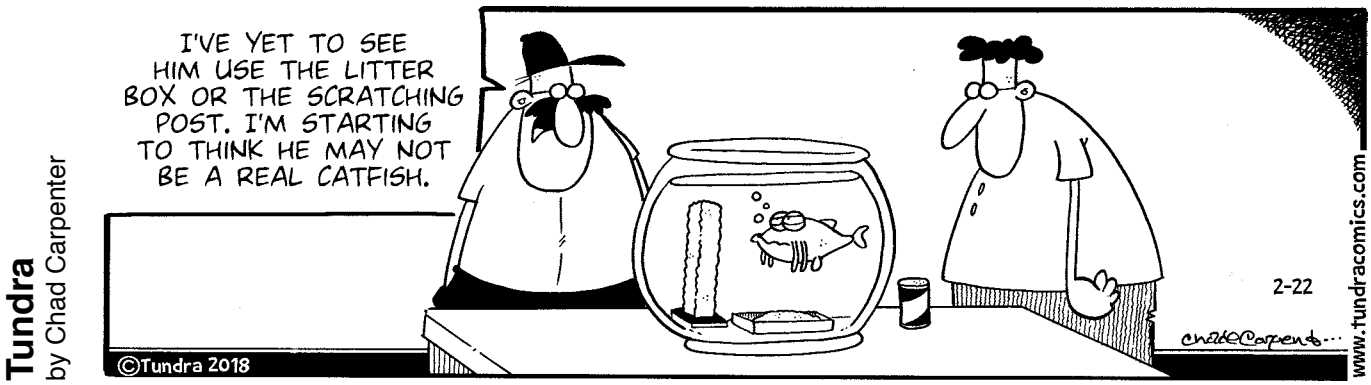
TOWN OF MATAPOISETT
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, March 12, 2018 at 6:30 pm in the Town Hall on a Notice of Intent submitted by JOSH PELL, 139 North St. Mattapoisett, MA 02739. The proposed project is to build a single family home. The project is located at 0 Angelica Ave, and is further identified as Lot 158.0 on Assessor Map 5.A. 2/22

TOWN OF ROCHESTER
PLANNING BOARD
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Rochester Planning Board will reopen a public hearing previously closed on September 26, 2017. The reopened hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, March 13, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Rochester Town Hall Meeting Room to act on the applicant's request to withdraw the application for Site Plan Review and the application for Work on Scenic Highway (Route 105) received by ROCHESTER FARMS LLC for property located at Marion Road, Rochester, MA 02770, further identified on Assessor's Map 6, Lot 37. The property owner is Rochester Farms LLC, 81 Charlotte Furnace Road, West Wareham, MA 02576.

The applications and associated submittal documents are available for review at the Planning Board Office at the Rochester Town Hall Annex, 37 Marion Road between the hours of 8:30 am - 4:30 pm Monday through Friday.
Arnold Johnson, Chairman 2/22, 3/1



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Are you interested in supporting local cultural events in Marion? Have you considered serving on a board and helping to determine how to disperse funds for cultural events? The Marion Cultural Council is looking for two volunteers interested in serving as voting members who can help share ideas and knowledge when making determinations on how funding for the cultural council is dispensed.

Please contact Kristen Saint Don, Chairperson of the Marion Cultural Council, at MarionCulturalCouncil@gmail.com with any questions about becoming a member.

Applications are available at the Marion Town House, 2 Spring Street, Marion, MA 02738.

Mattapoisett SEPAC Officer Vacancy

The Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC) is seeking a Mattapoisett resident to serve as an elected officer. The SEPAC is led by three officers – one from each community within the Tri-Town. The Mattapoisett SEPAC officer role is currently vacant. If you have interest in serving and/or would like more information regarding the responsibilities, please contact The Office of Student Services, Attn: Director of Student Services Michael S. Nelson, 508-758-2772 ext.1942, mikenelson@oldrochester.org.

Massachusetts state law requires all public school districts to maintain a Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC) open to all parents of students with disabilities, and all other interested parties. SEPACS' key points: Advise the school committee on matters pertaining to the education and safety of students with disabilities; meet regularly with school officials to participate in the planning, development, and evaluation of special education programs; receive assistance from the school committee without charge, upon reasonable notice, and subject to the availability of staff and resources.

Marion Music Hall

As part of the on-going effort to upgrade the Marion Music Hall, the Board of Selectmen has unanimously approved new Guidelines and Rental Fees. With the Council on Aging having now moved to the renovated Veteran's Hall on Route 6, there are increased rental opportunities at the Hall as well.

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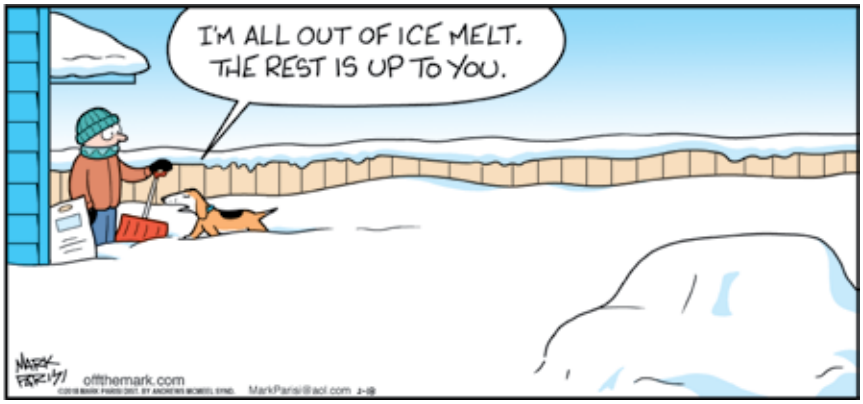
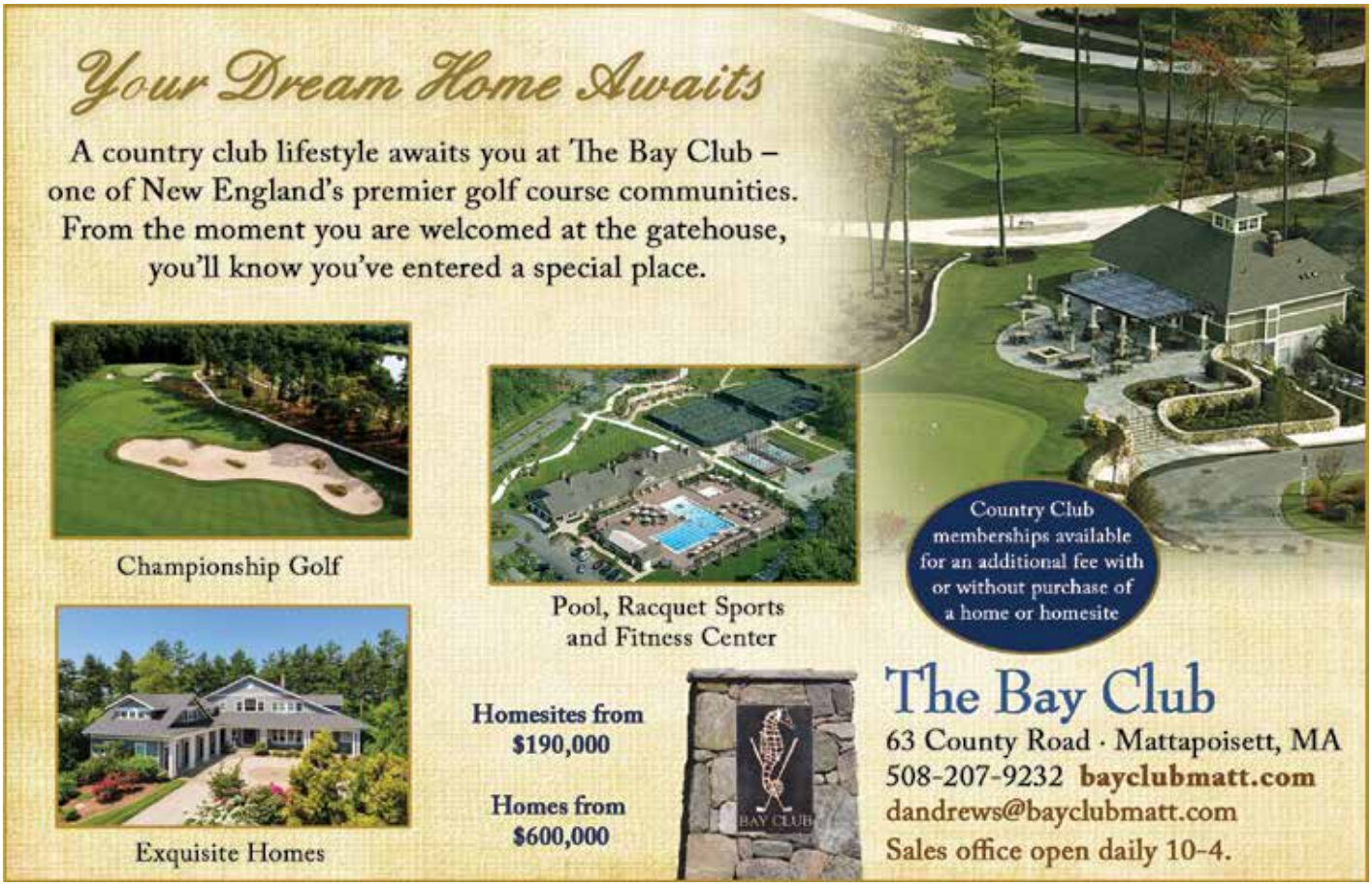


Sprague Pitcher Taber whose vision was that Marion and surrounding communities have a hall for lectures, concerts, and performances. It was constructed in 1891 for $23,000. Through the years, it has been a favored venue for town committee meetings and parties, for concerts and musicals, and for private events including weddings and parties. Mrs. Taber also had the vision to build the Town Library and Natural History Museum, the Stone Chapel at the Congregational Church, and Tabor Academy, originally founded to educate girls and boys of Marion.

The Music Hall is available free of charge to all Town of Marion committees and organizations such as the Elizabeth Taber Library, the Council on Aging, and the Police and Fire Departments. In honoring Elizabeth Taber's wishes, it remains accessible to all Marion citizens according to the new fee schedule, which helps defray the costs to taxpayers while covering maintenance and utility expenses. While the rate structure has changed, the rates remain among the most competitive in Marion and surrounding towns. Local couples will be hard pressed to find such a great wedding venue on a weekend for as low as $600. (Bookings made before September 1, 2017 will honor the original rental fees.)

For inquiries and further information, please



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Sydney Grace Merusi	February 26
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Brooke Morrell	February 27
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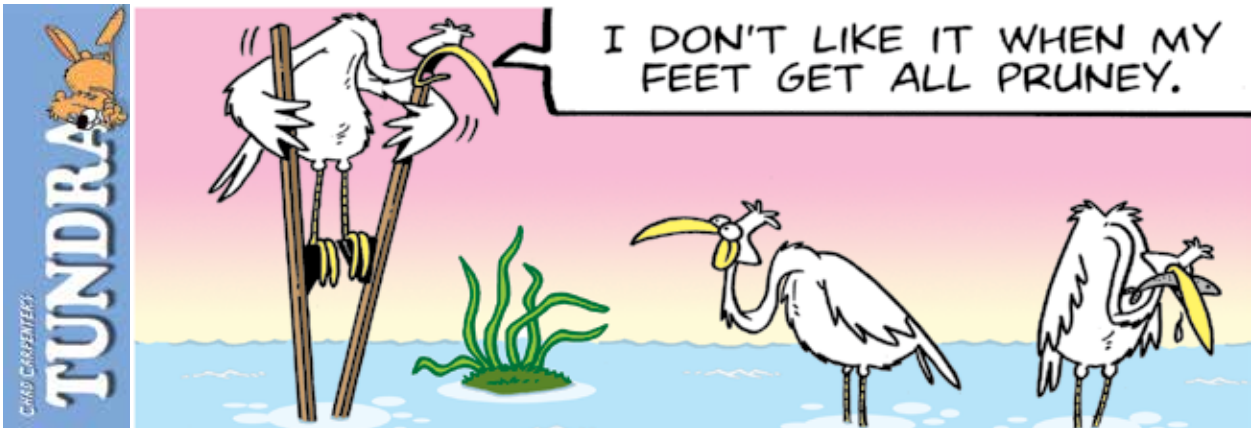

contact Tami Daniel, Music Hall Coordinator, at tdaniel@marionma.gov or 508-748-9556.

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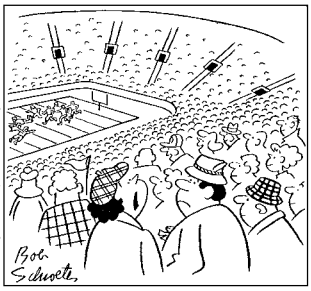

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For more information contact us: Telephone: 774-328-6196, e-mail: Healing@regainsupport.com, Facebook: Regain addiction support group.

Need a Bible?

The Mattapoisett Congregational Church has several Bibles that are no longer being used and is giving them away to new homes. If you'd like a Bible, please drop by the church during office hours, 8:30 am to noon, Monday through Friday. You may call ahead to 508-758-2671 to reserve a copy if you wish.

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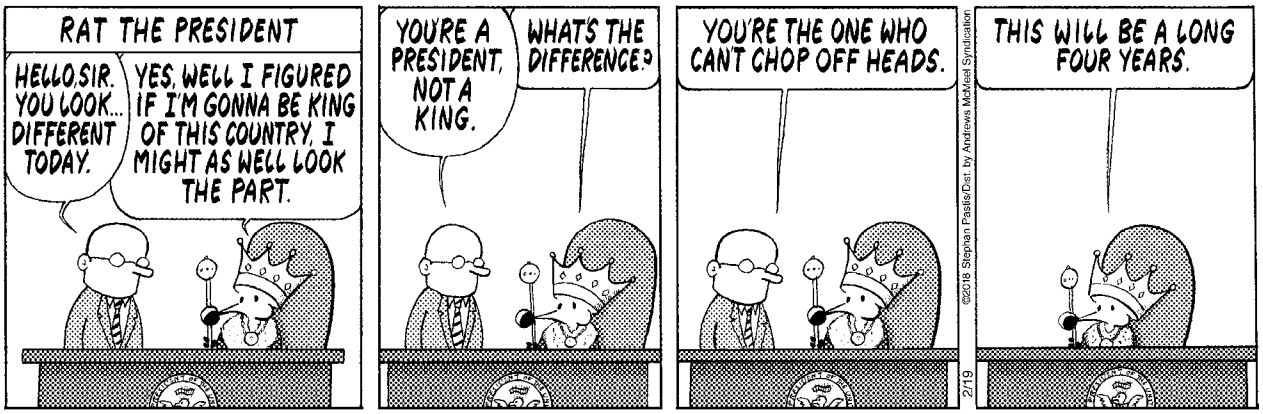
by Stephan Pastis



Be a Friend. Change a Life

The Friendly Visitor Program is sponsored by the Mattapoisett Senior Center to provide companionship and support to isolated seniors who express feelings of loneliness and isolation. Through weekly home visits, volunteers develop meaningful, long-term relationships with seniors who appreciate the company and look forward to the visits. Many seniors have fascinating life stories to share. And often volunteers discover they receive as much as they give. The impact is powerful. Your time and commitment can change a person's life; friendship is an essential ingredient for everyone's mental health. Refer someone you know or become a visitor yourself. Contact Susan Keir, Outreach Coordinator, at 508-758-4110 or email outreachcoa@mattapoisett.net.

Safe Storage and Disposal of Medications and Syringes

Many local police departments offer 24/7 prescription medication drop-boxes for the safe disposal of unused or expired medications. Medications that can be disposed of in the drop-boxes include prescription ointments, prescription medications, medication patches, and samples, as well as over the counter medications, vitamins and pet medications. Lotions, liquids, and non-prescription ointments are not permitted. For your privacy, please remember to remove all personal identification before placing items in the drop-box. In Mattapoisett, the medication drop-box is in the lobby of the Police Station, located at 64 County Road (Route 6).

For the safe disposal of needles and syringes, sharps containers are available free of charge from the Mattapoisett Police Station and the Public Health Nurse's office. Used sharps containers may be returned to the Public Health Nurse's office for safe and proper disposal of these items.

The safe and proper storage and disposal of all medications, needles, and syringes helps to prevent accidents or misuse. These items should always be stored in a secure location, out of sight and out of reach of children. To assist you with safe storage in the home, lock-boxes can be purchased at your local pharmacy or retail store such as CVS, Walgreens, or Rite Aid.

For more information, please contact the Mattapoisett Police Department at 508-758-4141 (Non-Emergency), or the Public Health Nurse at 508-758-4118.

Thank you for your help in protecting our community by safely storing and disposing of your medications, needles, and syringes.

Church Ride Program

Do you miss going to church on Sunday because you are unable to get there? Do you want to go to church but don't want to go alone? The First Congregational Church of Marion has a church ride program for its Sunday service.

A group of volunteers would like to pick you up on Sunday for the church service and take you home afterwards. The worship service begins at 10:00 am and a fellowship time follows the service. The church has an elevator and is handicap accessible.

All you need to do is call the church office at 508-748-1053 by noon on Friday to arrange for a ride on Sunday. Also, let the office know whether you have any mobility aids such as a walker or wheelchair so that the appropriate vehicle can transport you. We have a team of six drivers who would love to bring you to church. More drivers will be arranged if needed.

We will gladly arrange for this transportation for one week or for every week. Please do not hesitate to call

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Holy Spirit, you who solve all problems, who light all roads so I can attain my goals, you who give me the divine gifts to forgive and forget all evil against me, in this short prayer, to thank you for all things and confirm once again that I never want to be separated from you, even in spite of all material illusions. I wish to be with you in eternal glory, thank you for your mercy towards me and mine. The person must say this prayer for three consecutive days. After three days, the favor requested will be granted, even if it may appear difficult. This prayer must be published immediately after the favor is granted without mentioning the favor. Only your initials shall appear at the bottom. E.A.L.

A POWERFUL PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT
Holy Spirit, you who solve all problems, who light all roads so I can attain my goals, you who give me the divine gifts to forgive and forget all evil against me, in this short prayer, to thank you for all things and confirm once again that I never want to be separated from you, even in spite of all material illusions. I wish to be with you in eternal glory, thank you for your mercy towards me and mine. The person must say this prayer for three consecutive days. After three days, the favor requested will be granted, even if it may appear difficult. This prayer must be published immediately after the favor is granted without mentioning the favor. Only your initials shall appear at the bottom. P.L.

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Mashpee Housing Authority
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SHERMAN'S LAGOON
by J.P. Toomey

the church office to ask for transportation. Our drivers are happy to transport you.

We are excited about this program and look forward to seeing you in church.

Red Cross Volunteers Needed

There are many ways our Red Cross volunteers are involved and give back to the community. They help canteen for our brave first responders, keep you hydrated during a local road race or even a Cape Cod Baseball League game on a hot summer day. We have blood service volunteers that help us fill this critical life-saving need for blood. There are opportunities to volunteer to Service to our Armed Forces, Youth Services and Health and Safety Preparedness, Communication volunteers, Administrative Support – there are so many ways to serve. Our Disaster Action Team (DAT) members help those in crisis: when disaster strikes, the Red Cross is always there. These wonderful volunteers are not only here for our local communities but for those in other areas of the country and the globe that need assistance – everything from flooding, fires, natural disasters, and more. We are looking for all these types of volunteers, people just like you and me who want to help. Don't worry, we provide training and you will be ready and confident in your skills to serve in the best capacity. We can't wait until you join our Team.

And it's so easy. Simply go on-line to www.redcross.org/ma/hyannis and click on VOLUNTEER to sign up today for our local Cape, Islands & Southeast Mass Chapter. We serve Cape Cod, Martha's Vineyard, Nantucket, Plymouth and Bristol Counties in Southeast Mass.

Once you volunteer, you become part of an honorable tradition you can be proud of. Sign up today.

FISH - Friends In Service Helping

Friends In Service Helping has been in operation in Mattapoisett since 1969. We provide rides to medical appointments for elderly residents who cannot drive anymore. We service Mattapoisett residents with transportation from their homes to Wareham, Marion, Fairhaven, New Bedford, and Dartmouth, as well as right here in Mattapoisett. Last year alone, we transported 409 residents.

Our town does not have public transportation. Our elderly residents are counting on FISH to get them to their medical appointments. We need more volunteer callers and drivers. We always work around your schedule when it is convenient for you! To find out more about your opportunity to be a FISH volunteer, please call FISH Coordinator Jacquie McGraw at 508-758-9278.

Depression, Bipolar Support Alliance

Depression, Bipolar Support Alliance (DBSA) support group meets every first and third Thursday of the month from 6:30 to 8:00 pm at the St. Gabriel's Church, 124 Front Street in Marion. For more information, call John at 508-971-0018.

Real Estate Transactions

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Buyer(s)	Seller(s)	Address	City	Date	Price
8 Pie Alley LLC x	House NT Saidenberg, Susan M	8 Pie Aly	Marion	02/02/2018	892500
Cosimi, A Benedict x	Olson, Lars V Olson, Ruth E	30 Sippican Ln	Marion	01/31/2018	3200000
Diggins, Patrick J Diggins, Kristen E	Austin Jule A Est Rohloff, Jorell M	2 Bay Shore Dr	Mattapoisett	02/01/2018	600000
Oliveira, Ronald	Toland, Laura C	7 Eldorado Dr	Mattapoisett	01/29/2018	300000
Bras, Bruno S Bras, Angela R	Terceira Construction LLC	4 Nantucket Dr	Mattapoisett	02/02/2018	399000
Moura, Craig	Lecuyer, Philip C Lecuyer, Suzana M	2 Thistle Ln	Rochester	02/01/2018	419900
Faith Builders Properties	Deutsche Bk Natl T Co Tr	15 Union Church Ter	Rochester	01/30/2018	212100

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off the mark by Mark Parisi

Local Tides

Day	Date	High a.m.	High p.m.	Low a.m.	Low p.m.
Thursday	February 22	12:10	12:40	5:45	5:54
Friday	February 23	1:06	1:38	6:56	6:58
Saturday	February 24	2:07	2:42	8:42	8:13
Sunday	February 25	3:15	3:51	10:13	9:30
Monday	February 26	4:26	4:57	11:12	10:39
Tuesday	February 27	5:29	5:55	. . .	12:01
Wednesday	February 28	6:25	6:48	12:00	12:47
Thursday	March 1	7:15	7:38	12:34	1:30
Friday	March 2	8:03	8:26	1:27	2:09
Saturday	March 3	8:50	9:14	2:16	2:44
Sunday	March 4	9:37	10:01	3:01	3:16
Monday	March 5	10:23	10:50	3:42	3:50
Tuesday	March 6	11:11	11:39	4:22	4:25
Wednesday	March 7	. . .	12:01	5:05	5:05
Thursday	March 8	12:29	12:51	5:55	5:53
Friday	March 9	1:21	1:42	7:03	6:54
Saturday	March 10	2:15	2:38	8:37	8:08
Sunday	March 11	4:17	4:41	10:47	10:24

Phases of the Moon		
	First Quarter	February 23rd
	Full Moon	March 1st
	Last Quarter	March 9th
	New Moon	March 17th

I Found the Aardvark!

Each week, hidden somewhere in the pages of *The Wanderer* is a tiny drawing of an aardvark. The little guy you are looking for looks exactly like the one pictured above (but don't put down this page as your answer, there's another one hidden somewhere in this issue).

Once you find the aardvark you can submit your answer online and if you are right you will get Aardvark Points! You can then use these points to get cool Aardvark Prizes!

To enter visit: www.wanderer.com and Click on *I Found the Aardvark*

In the February 15, 2018 issue the Aardvark was on page 59!

PUZZLE ANSWERS

CROSSWORD SOLUTION

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SCRAMBLERS

solution

1. Spread; 2. Mingle; 3. Ramble; 4. Inane

Today's Word

BLIMP

Sudoku Answer

2	7	4	3	1	9	5	8	6
8	1	9	6	5	4	3	7	2
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9	4	8	2	7	6	1	5	3
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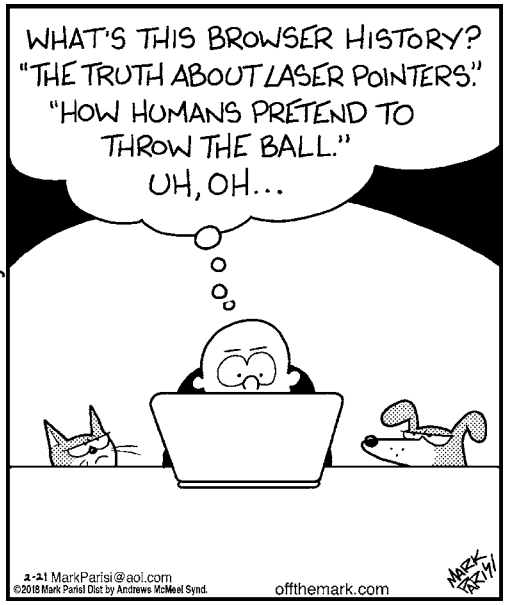

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Open Every Day from 7am to 9pm

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SALE EFFECTIVE: Friday, February 23 – Thursday, March 1, 2018

Superior Quality Produce

1 lb. Pkg. Florida Strawberries $2.99

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5.2-10 oz. Selected (Excludes Long Grain & Wild Rice & Quinoa) Near East Side Dishes ..... 4/$5

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32 oz. Selected Aunt Jemima Pancake Mix ... 2/$5

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64 oz. Shurfine Cranberry Cocktail $1.99

12 oz. Selected Dunkin' Donuts Coffee $6.99

9.25-11.25 oz. Selected Doritos Tortilla Chips ..... 2/$6

Stonefire - 8.8 oz. Pkg. Naan Bread ..... 2/$5

Fresh Store Baked - 22 oz. 8 Inch Strawberry Rhubarb Pie $3.99

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Plumb Corner
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Roast Beef
$8.99 lb.

4-6 oz. Selected
Yoplait Yogurt
50¢

16 oz. Selected
Frozen Yogurt or
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$3.49

12 oz. Bottles or Cans
Selected
Heineken 12 Pack
$14.99 Plus Dep.

1.5 Liter
California Wines
Assorted Varietals
Clos du Bois
$16.99

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1.5 Liter - California Wine, Chardonnay Clos du Bois	$16.99
750 ml - California Wines, Assorted Varietals Old Soul	$9.99
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750 ml - Chilean Wines, Assorted Varietals Santa Carolina	2/$15

12 oz. Cans
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